

Nick Freitas (VA-07) Research Report

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Nick Freitas

Republican Candidate in
Virginia's 7th Congressional District

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Key Findings

Freitas Was Bad For Virginians' Health Care

Freitas Missed A Crucial Vote To Cap Insulin Pricing, And Then Voted Against The Final Bill. *In early 2020, Freitas missed a key vote on an insulin pricing cap for Virginians. After a Senate amendment that made the cap less aggressive, Freitas actually voted against the legislation, which passed to cap the cost of the lifesaving medication.*

Freitas Refused To Commit To COVID-19 Relief For Americans And Voted Against State Legislation That Helped Virginians Working From Home. *Freitas refused to commit to voting for the CARES act had he been in the House of Representatives. While admitting that Americans need some form of aid during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Freitas refused to answer whether he would have supported the CARES act. He instead criticized elements of the bill, such as funding for the Kennedy Center. Furthermore, Freitas voted against legislation prior to the pandemic, such as a teleworking tax credit, that would aid Virginians in the current economic situation.*

Freitas Called The Affordable Care Act A “Cancer” And He Supported Its Full Repeal. *Freitas was a vehement critic of the Affordable Care Act, which he has described as a “Cancer.” Freitas has indicated his support for a full repeal of the legislation vital to millions. Freitas also mocked people who were used to the idea of employer-provided health insurance and opposed Medicaid expansion. Freitas furthermore supported so-called “catastrophic” health insurance plans that were designed to undermine the ACA and increase premiums.*

Freitas Cast Multiple Votes Against Expanding Insurance Coverage For The Treatment Of Autism Against Overwhelming Bipartisan Support. *Freitas voted against extending mandated health insurance for diagnosis and treatment of autism in two separate legislative sessions, in 2019 and 2020.*

Freitas Opposed Mandated Insurance Coverage Of Hearing Aids For Minors. *Despite the low cost to insurers, Freitas voted against mandated insurance coverage for medically necessary hearing aids for minors. Freitas did not give a reason for his opposition.*

Freitas Wanted To Allow The State To Rescind Medicaid Benefits After A Spouse's Death. *Freitas was one of the few to vote against a bipartisan effort to prevent the clawback of Medicaid benefits from the state upon the death of an eligible spouse.*

Freitas Was An Obstructionist Radical Libertarian Who Opposed Common Sense Legislation

2019-2020: Freitas Opposed Over 100 Legislative Initiatives That Enjoyed Bi-Partisan Support. *In just two legislative sessions, Freitas opposed over 100 legislative initiatives that enjoyed wide bi-partisan support and that he was in a minority of 10 or less on.*

Freitas Opposed Common Sense Legislation To Support Virginia Public Safety... *Freitas opposed common sense safety regulation, including licensing requirements for manufacturers of smoke detectors and legislation that would require guns in day care providers to be inaccessible to children.*

...Schools... *Freitas opposed safety training for school bus drivers and a school-based mental health task force, both of which enjoyed broad bi-partisan support.*

...And Farms. *Freitas opposed common sense legislation for rural Virginians that enjoyed wide bi-partisan support, including a rural IT apprenticeship program that he was the sole vote against.*

Freitas Was Beholden To Special Interest Donors And Toed The Party Line

Freitas Received A Massive Political Contribution From The Uihlein Family To The Tune Of Half A Million Dollars. *During his 2019 reelection campaign to the House of Delegates, Freitas received a massive \$500,000 contribution from Richard Uihlein, a Republican megadonor and husband to Uline Corporation President Liz Uihlein. The contribution was used to keep Freitas' troubled write-in campaign afloat. The Uihleins had a history of contributions to far-rights groups and PACs. Most recently, Liz Uihlein has pressured state legislators, particularly in Illinois, to reopen states prematurely in the face of the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

Freitas Was Endorsed By Club For Growth Which Sent Mailers Saying That Freitas "Is Supported By Team Trump." *Freitas received the endorsement of Club For Growth, which set up a website to inform convention goers about the VA-07 GOP Convention and subsequently sent mailers proclaiming that Freitas "is supported by Team Trump."*

Freitas Made Political Favors For The Alcohol Industry. *Freitas has close ties with the alcohol industry, including distillery owner and Congressman Denver Riggleman. Freitas has promoted legislation in the Virginia House of Delegates to praise the distilling industry and has opposed alcohol regulatory reform.*

Freitas Toed The Party Line And Was A Trump Loyalist Despite Reservations About Loyalty Pledges. *In 2018, Freitas expressed reservations regarding loyalty pledges to Donald Trump, but also said that he would "lead the charge" in implementing Trump's agenda. By 2020, Freitas was even less reserved, comparing Trump to George Washington and also saying that in spite of criticism regarding his style, Trump has no reason to "get off the toilet" and stop tweeting.*

Freitas Was Bad For Virginia Women

Freitas Opposed Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment And Workplace And Equal Pay Protections For Virginia Women. *Freitas voted against the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in the House of Delegates, and further opposed legislation to protect women's rights in the workplace and their right to equal pay. Freitas claimed that such legislation and the ERA were counter-productive, and would make women less desirable employees.*

Freitas Was Vehemently Opposed To Abortion Access And Said That Women Needed To Be "Re-Educated" On The Issue. *Freitas expressed a vehement opposition to access to abortion throughout his political career. Freitas continually complained that conservatives and anti-choice advocates were losing the philosophical and ideological battle in the choice debate. Freitas even claimed that younger generations needed to be "Re-Educated" on the issue so that anti-choice proponents could make progress politically.*

Freitas Attacked Democrats' Support Of Planned Parenthood And Accused Its Founder Of Racism. *Freitas attacked Democrats such as Tim Kaine for support of Planned Parenthood and also attacked Margaret Sanger as a racist.*

Freitas Was Bad For Civil Rights And Defended The Legacy Of White Supremacy

Freitas Opposed Bills To Prevent Racial Discrimination, Hate Crimes, And Enforcement Of Equal Pay Statutes. *Freitas voted against legislation in the House of Delegates to include discrimination against natural hairstyles as racial discrimination and also voted against making racially motivated home invasion a hate crime in Virginia. Freitas also voted against legislation to enforce equal pay regardless of race. Freitas supported landlords being able to discriminate against prospective tenants based on their source of income, a form of discrimination that was often used as a pretext to discriminate against disabled veterans using housing vouchers and on the basis of race.*

Freitas Had A Troubling History Of Violent Rhetoric That Was Shared By Far Right Groups. *While never directly endorsing their views, Freitas has been involved in a strand of far-right ideology that has come dangerously close to extremist groups. Ahead of a January 2020 gun rally in Richmond (held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), three neo-Nazis were arrested who were connected with the rally and the Governor issued a state of emergency. Freitas has also appeared wearing clothing associated with the white nationalist “Boogaloo” movement, when that group was the focus of widespread media reporting. Freitas has referenced the need for violent rebellion against the government on multiple occasions, especially in the context of firearms regulation.*

Freitas Defended Monuments To The Confederacy And Its Leaders, Despite His Earlier Criticism Of Primary Opponent Corey Stewart For Connections With Racists. *Freitas defended Confederate monuments and did not support their removal. Freitas specifically voted against legislation to allow local communities to make their own decisions regarding monuments. Freitas has also said that those who wanted to remove monuments to the Confederacy were motivated by a general dislike of America. Despite Freitas calling on Corey Stewart to disavow his ties to white supremacists during the 2018 U.S. Senate primary, Freitas has taken an apologist stance on glorification of the Confederacy.*

Freitas Did Not Take His Job As A Legislator Seriously

Freitas Failed To File Paperwork For Multiple Elections. *In an embarrassing two year streak of incompetence, Freitas’ campaign for House of Delegates and Congress both neglected to file required paperwork on time that would ensure that Freitas would appear on the general election ballot. Especially after his repeat offense, Freitas was criticked by other Republicans and media for his inability to properly manage a campaign.*

February 2020: Freitas Used Campaign Funds For A Private Jet Company And Likely Skipped A Day Of Votes To Jet Off To An Unknown Location. *Freitas missed every vote in the House of Delegates on February 3, 2020. Later that month his campaign was billed over \$10,000 by a private jet charter firm. It is likely that Freitas skipped a day of legislative work to jet off to an undisclosed location using campaign funds.*

***Readers Note:** All references to “House” and “Senate” in the descriptions of votes made by Freitas are in reference to the Virginia House of Delegates and Virginia Senate. All references to “the Governor” in votes from 2019 and 2020 Virginia General Assembly Sessions refer to Governor Ralph Northam.

Thematics

Freitas Was Bad For Virginians' Health Care

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas missed one vote on a bill to cap the cost of insulin in Virginia. Freitas voted against the amended bill, which passed the House of Delegates with overwhelming bi-partisan support.*
- ✓ *Freitas refused to say whether he would have voted for the CARES Act and direct cash relief for millions of Americans.*
 - ✓ *Freitas characterized the CARES Act as “politicized hostage taking.”*
 - ✓ *Freitas praised Trump’s response to COVID-19 and said that his administration had done an excellent job of distributing necessary supplies to the states.*
 - ✓ *In May 2020, Freitas praised Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and his response to COVID-19. In July 2020: COVID-19 infections in Florida were at an all-time high.*
- ✓ *Freitas rarely discussed COVID-19, but criticized minor aspects of relief efforts.*
- ✓ *In May 2018, Freitas called the ACA a “cancer” that was designed to fail.*
 - ✓ *Freitas stated that he wanted to fully repeal the ACA.*
 - ✓ *Freitas opposed Medicaid expansion.*
 - ✓ *Freitas mocked those who obtained their health insurance through their employer and called health insurance in general a problem.*
- ✓ *Freitas cast multiple votes against expanding insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism in the face of overwhelming bipartisan support.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed insurance coverage for hearing aids for minors.*
- ✓ *Freitas was the sole vote against a state proposal to prevent clawback of Medicaid benefits upon the death of a spouse.*

Freitas Missed A Crucial Vote To Cap Insulin Pricing, And Then Voted Against The Final Bill

February 2020: Freitas Did Not Vote On A Measure To Cap Insulin Prices

February 2020: Freitas Did Not Vote To Cap Insulin Prices In Virginia. In February 2020, Freitas Did Not Vote On HB 66. “Prohibits health insurance companies and other carriers from setting an amount exceeding \$30 per 30-day supply that a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a covered prescription insulin drug. The measure also prohibits a provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy from containing a provision (i) authorizing the carrier’s pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds such limitation.” The House passed the

bill by a vote of 98-1. The Senate amended the bill; the House adopted the amended bill by a vote of 88-4. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 66, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/3/20](#)]

2/3/20: Freitas Missed Every House Floor Vote That Took Place. [Virginia Legislative Information System, accessed 6/25/20]

Freitas' Inaction Was Reported On By A Local Outlet. "A bill that would prohibit insurance companies from charging more than a \$30 co-pay for a 30-day supply of insulin passed the Virginia House of Delegates on Tuesday. The vote for Delegate Lee Carter's HB 66 was nearly unanimous at 98-1. Delegate Matthew Fariss (59th District) voted no, and Delegate Nick Freitas (30th District) did not vote. The bill now awaits approval by both the State Senate and Governor Ralph Northam. It comes as insurance prices have skyrocketed in the past two decades for the more than 7.5 million diabetic Americans who rely on it, despite no change to the drug, with the average price for a 20-milliliter vial going from about \$20 to more than \$250, according to a House of Representatives report in March 2019. The price of a vial tripled between 2002 and 2013, and nearly doubled from 2012 to 2016. The astronomical prices have led to some people either rationing or forgoing taking the critical medication, which can have lethal results. Insurance companies, who'll have to pick up the cost, argue that the drug's limited manufacturers are to blame to artificially inflating prices. The major corporations behind the world's \$27 billion insulin market — Sanofi, Eli Lilly, and Novo Nordisk — have virtually controlled the supply since insulin was discovered 100 years ago. Meanwhile similar bills have recently passed in Illinois and Colorado, though their caps are set at \$100. At the federal level, Congress launched a bipartisan investigation into the insulin market in 2019 amid a comprehensive probe into drug pricing." [Local DMV, [2/4/20](#)]

March 2020: After A Senate Amendment, Freitas Voted Against A Less Aggressive Cap To Lower Insulin Costs

March 2020: The Senate Adopted An Amended Bill Which Changed The 30-Day Insulin Price Cap From \$30 To \$50. [HB 66, Senate Floor Vote (Passage), [3/5/20](#)]

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Capping Insulin Prices In Virginia. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 66. "Prohibits health insurance companies and other carriers from setting an amount exceeding \$50 per 30-day supply that a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a covered prescription insulin drug. The measure also prohibits a provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy from containing a provision (i) authorizing the carrier's pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds such limitation." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 88-4. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 66, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Freitas Refused To Commit To COVID-19 Relief For Americans And Voted Against State Legislation That Helped Virginians Working From Home

April 2020: Freitas Said That Trump Did "A Great Job Of Allocating Resources" For Pandemic Response

Freitas Praised Trump For The Administration Response To COVID-19 While Attacking The Actions Of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. "FREITAS: 'But ultimately, those decisions can all be made from Washington, DC. I think one of the things that President Trump has demonstrated is that he's done a great job with respect to allocating federal resources down to states when they need it. And then you got people like, you know, Governor Cuomo sitting there yelling at the president when he's got 10s of thousands of ventilators in storage, and masks in storage. So I think that rather than everyone looking to Washington, DC and asking themselves, okay, when is when is DC going to figure all this out? No, no DC has a coordinating function to play. And they can certainly assist with allocating resources and things like that, just like the White House has done.'" [Fredericks Radio Show, 4/7/20]

May 2020: Freitas Praised Florida Governor Ron DeSantis And His Response To COVID-19

May 2020: Freitas Praised Ron DeSantis For His Response To The Pandemic And Being Able To “Have The Economy Going Again”

2020: Freitas Said Florida Governor DeSantis Was Using “The Sort Of Approach We Need To Be Taking Here In Richmond” On COVID-19. “When the government focuses on putting out good information and not trying to micromanage everything from Richmond or Washington, DC, we get better results. And all you have to do is look at what’s going on in Florida right now. And as governor Ron DeSantis pointed out, the media doesn’t want to report on what’s going down in Florida accurately because it turns out when they actually reduce some of the regulations and mandates and they allowed people to go out there and make good responsible decisions based off of good information, you were able to have the economy going again, at the same time, they were able to address health concerns and allocate resources to just those areas that needed at the most. Right. That’s the sort of approach we need to be taking here in Richmond.” [Freitas Facebook Live video, 2:41, [5/26/20](#)]

July 2020: COVID-19 Infections In Florida Were At An All Time High

July 2020: Florida Hit A Record 15,300 COVID-19 Cases In A Single Day. “Florida on Sunday reported a record 15,300 new coronavirus cases, the most by any state in a single day and a bleak sign of the United States’s failure to control the pandemic about six months after the first infection surfaced in the country. The staggering number was the result of both increased testing and widespread community transmission that has affected the state’s population centers as well as its rural areas. It shattered previous highs of 11,694 reported by California last week and 11,571 reported by New York on April 15.” [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

A University Of Florida Professor Saw No End In Sight With “Florida Largely Open For Business.” ““With Florida largely open for business, I don’t expect this surge to slow,” wrote Natalie E. Dean, an assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of Florida.” [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Florida Shatters Single-Day Infection Record With 15,300 New Cases. [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

Florida Was Aggressive In Reopening Under DeSantis, But Was Forced To Close Bars Again In July. Florida is now one of the main contributors to the surge in U.S. cases, and new cases in the state are surpassing even what New York had reported at the pandemic’s height there in March and April. The state was one of the most aggressive in its economic reopening, but all bars in Florida have been ordered to close once again. Unlike many other states with a spike in cases, though, DeSantis has not mandated mask-wearing statewide and ignored questions about a mask mandate at the news conference Monday.

HEADLINE: Florida Sets Coronavirus Death Record, Hours After Gov. DeSantis Said State Had “Stabilized.” [Forbes, [7/14/20](#)]

Gov. DeSantis’ Was Criticized For Lack Of Leadership Amid The Spike In Cases. “If coronavirus were a hurricane, it seemed to reach Category 5 status over the weekend. More than ever, Florida needs decisive, resolute guidance to get through this storm. Instead, Ron DeSantis continues to muddle and spin his way through. For every good move, there have been too many missteps.” [Orlando Sentinel Editorial, [7/13/20](#)]

EDITORIAL: Ron DeSantis Should Lead Or Get Out Of The Way On Coronavirus. [Orlando Sentinel Editorial, [7/13/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Public Bodies To Conduct Business Remotely Due To Medical Condition

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Public Bodies To Conduct Business Remotely Due To A Medical Condition. In February 2020, Freitas Voted For HB 321. “Allows a public body to conduct a meeting through electronic communication means if, on or before the day of a meeting, a member of the public body holding the meeting notifies the chair of the public body that he is unable to attend due to a serious medical condition of an immediate family member that prevents the member’s physical attendance. The bill also limits such participation in an electronic meeting due to a personal matter to either two meetings per calendar year or 10 percent of the meetings held that calendar year, rounded up to the nearest whole number, whichever is greater.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 62-38. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 321, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/7/20](#)]

Freitas Refused To Say Whether He Would Have Voted For The CARES Act

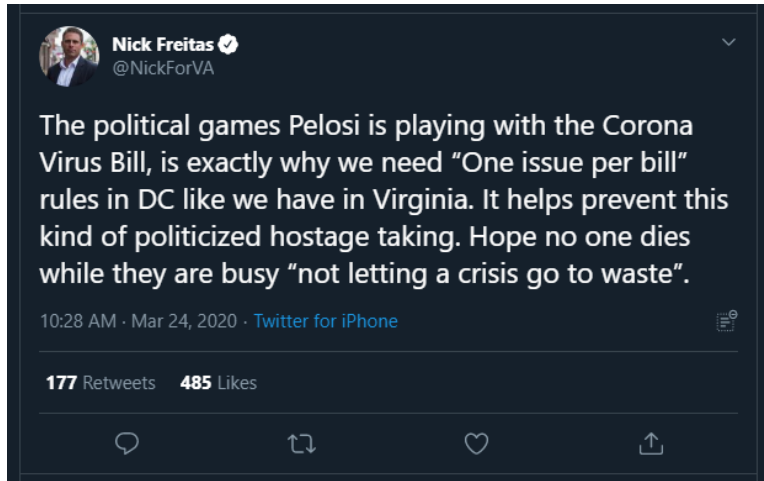
April 2020: When Asked Point Blank If He Would Have Voted For The CARES Act, Freitas Refused To Directly Answer, Despite Saying That “We Needed To Do Something.” “FREDERICKS: ‘The \$2.3 Trillion package? Would you have voted in favor of it or not?’ FREITAS: ‘Oh, I would h-. So I think we needed to get something to the American people, I would have had, I would have had a real problem with what they did. I mean, you saw with Nancy Pelosi and everything that she was trying to do. And this also john, this is something this is why we need to go to one issue per bill when we talk at DC. And people act like that’s impossible. You can never get Washington, DC to go to one issue per bill. [...] So I do Think that overall, I again, I understand we needed to do something for the American people, we needed to be able to do something in order to help people navigate this crisis, which again, when the government is shutting you down, it’s reasonable to expect some sort of relief from the same entity that is shutting you down. [...] So that when we look at something like a stimulus package and a time of crisis, we can actually have an upper down the road on those issues, or those spending measures, which are just going directly to the crisis and not allowing it not even allowing for the opportunity to someone who, you know, could what \$25 million to the Kennedy Center. We had 10s of millions, billions of dollars going into things that had absolutely nothing to do with the Coronavirus, right.’” [Fredericks Radio Show, 4/7/20]

March 2020: The CARES Act Was Passed By Congress, Which Provided For \$2 Trillion On Economic Relief To Individuals And Businesses In Response To The Pandemic. “The Senate has passed a roughly \$2 trillion coronavirus response bill intended to speed relief across the American economy. This is the third aid package from Congress and is meant to keep businesses and individuals afloat during an unprecedented freeze on the majority of American life. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., described the legislation, known as the CARES Act, as necessary emergency relief and vowed to put partisanship aside to get it done.” [NPR, [3/26/20](#)]

The CARES Act Included Cash Payments To Most Americans Of \$1,200. “Cash payments: Estimated to total \$300 billion. Most individuals earning less than \$75,000 can expect a one-time cash payment of \$1,200. Married couples would each receive a check and families would get \$500 per child. That means a family of four earning less than \$150,000 can expect \$3,400.” [NPR, [3/26/20](#)]

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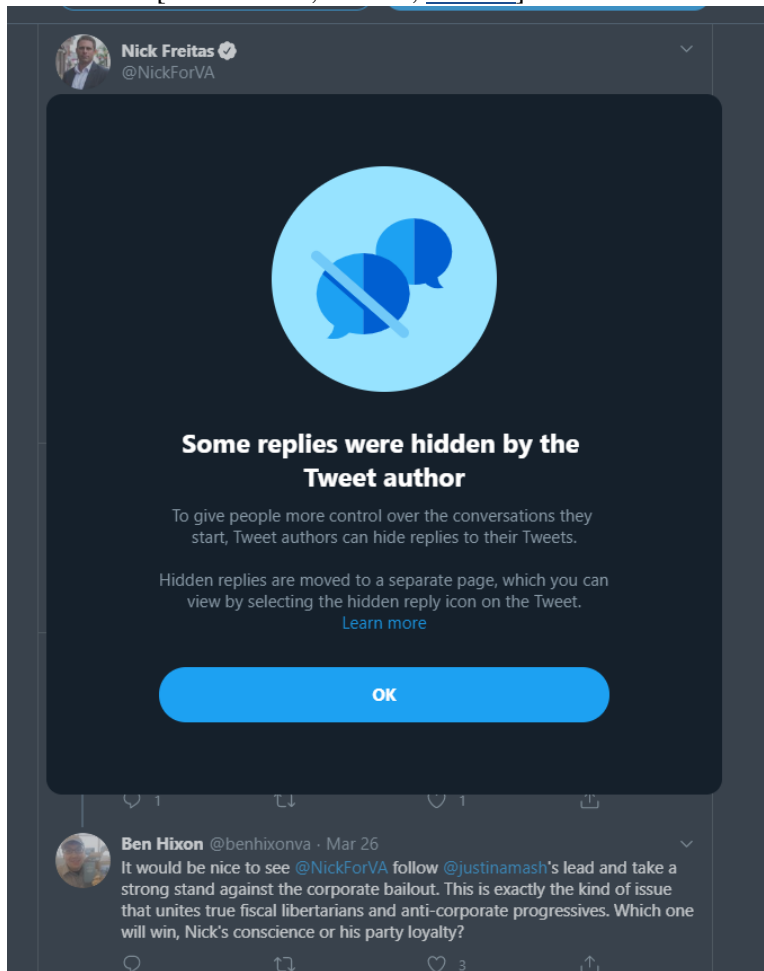
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[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

Freitas Chose To Hide A Twitter Reply That Highlighted The \$500 Billion Dollar GOP Slush Fund Proposal

Freitas Hid A Reply On His Tweet. [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

The Censored Comment Criticized The GOP Senate “Slush Fund Proposal.” Lol, the Republicans added a slush fund to their bill, and you’re complaining about Pelosi.” [Protodoxa, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]



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The Proposed Fund Would Have Included \$500 Billion Under The Direct Control Of Treasury Secretary Mnuchin. “As Senate Democrats went to the floor Sunday night to vote — the first time they’d been there in days — they had one thing on their minds: a secret “slush fund” for Corporate America. That’s what Democrats are calling a \$500 billion ‘Exchange Stabilization Fund’ included in the massive Senate GOP proposal to rescue the U.S. economy from the coronavirus crisis. The fund, which would come under the control of Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, is designed to aid distressed industries. It includes \$58 billion for U.S. airline and air cargo companies, a source of significant controversy during the last three days of closed-door talks between senators of both parties and the White House. But the language drafted by Senate Republicans also allows Mnuchin to withhold the names of the companies that receive federal money and how much they get for up to six months if he so decides.” [Politico, [3/23/20](#)]

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May 2020: Freitas Fiercely Opposed The HEROES Act Passed By The House Of Representatives, Calling It “Ridiculous.” “The three trillion dollar spending package being put forward by Pelosi and House Democrats is ridiculous and must not pass. Not only is this amount of spending irresponsible, but if Pelosi and House Democrats get their way, they will either send us further into debt or they will push the bill onto the American people by eliminating the Trump Tax Cut. Neither option is acceptable for the long term future of our nation. Raising the taxes of millions of Americans in the middle of a pandemic when politicians across the country are barring those same Americans from going to work to earn the paycheck that they want to tax away is unthinkable. We don’t need the federal government to make more financial commitments it can’t keep. We need it to start being fiscally responsible. The federal government needs to get out of the way of the private sector so the American people can create, innovate, and develop the solutions that will help us navigate and overcome this crisis.” [Friends of Nick Freitas, Inc., [5/13/20](#)]

Freitas Rarely Discussed COVID-19, But Criticized Minor Elements Of Relief Proposals

Freitas Barely Discussed The COVID-19 Pandemic Or Proposals To Address Its Effects

As Of June 8, 2020, Freitas Has Mentioned “Coronavirus” Or “COVID” Only 4 Times On His Public Twitter Feed. [Nick Freitas, Twitter, accessed [6/8/20](#)]

Freitas Focused On Criticism Of Funding For What He Described As “Pet Projects” In The HEROES Act

Freitas Focused On Funding For What He Described As “Pet Projects” In The HEROES Act, Including The EPA. “First up: incredibly wasteful spending on liberal pet projects. This includes \$50 million to the EPA for a study on pollution and COVID-19, \$10 million more for the National Endowment of the Arts, and \$10 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities...” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/15/20](#)]



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[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/12/20](#)]

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill To Extend The Virginia Telework Expenses Tax Credit Through 2021

January 2019: Freitas Voted Against Extending The Telework Expenses Tax Credit Through 2021. In January 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2065. “Advances expiration of the telework expenses tax credit to January 1, 2019. Under current law, the tax credit will expire on January 1, 2022.” The bill was passed by the House by a vote of 69-12. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 2065, House Floor Vote [1/18/19](#)]

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Freitas Stated That He Wanted To Repeal The ACA. “Freitas and Jackson also leveled scorn at the Affordable Care Act, which is considered one of Obama’s major accomplishments. Freitas called it a ‘cancer’ that was designed to fail so that its supporters could replace it with a national government health care system. He and Jackson want to abolish what remains of the law, known as Obamacare. They said a competitive, market-based health care system will lead to lower prices and better services.” [Virginian-Pilot. 5/2/18]

Freitas Criticized What He Called “Government Micromanagement” Of Health Care. “If the goal is to provide quality and affordable health care to all our citizens, government micromanagement is not the answer. We

need to focus on policies that allow greater competition and innovation.’ - Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper (and candidate for the U.S. Senate).” [Daily Press, 6/2/18]

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Freitas Claimed That There “Are Not People Dying In The Streets” Because Of Inability To Pay For Health Care. “FREITAS: ‘It’s because that’s how the marketplace works. And if you would just stop punishing doctors, and even when you talk about indigent care, because that’s what they always run to. It’s like, what about the people that can’t pay? I’m like, I got news for you. People who are not laying around dying in the streets. back before we have some of these massive programs because doctors and nurses just didn’t care. In fact, you had a very, very robust charitable system where doctors had the freedom and nurses had the freedom to actually provide services at discount rates.’” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

There Are. “A 2009 study conducted by researchers at Harvard Medical School found 45,000 Americans die every year as a direct result of not having any health insurance coverage. In 2018, 27.8 million Americans went without any health insurance for the entire year. One of those Americans was the father of Ashley Hudson, who died in 2002 due to an untreated liver disease, an illness that went undiagnosed until a few weeks before his death. It was only discovered when he went to the emergency room because he was unable to afford to see a doctor due to lack of insurance coverage and inability to afford treatment out of pocket.” [The Guardian, [1/7/20](#)]

Freitas Said That Mandated Health Care Coverage “Sounds Nice.” “FRETIAS: ‘Every single year in the General Assembly, and I’ve taken a lot of heat for this, I’ve been the one no vote on the board, because somebody came down and you know what, they had a legitimate concern. They have a legitimate concern, because they wanted a particular treatment, or they wanted a particular service or a particular come up whatever it was, they wanted to be covered by insurance, and insurance didn’t cover it. And so the solution was is to go find a politician and say, I want you to force the insurance companies to cover this. Well, that sounds nice. But what happens to all

your premiums when that happens? They all go up. Not only that, but here's the other thing that happens smaller insurance companies can't compete with the big guys. A lot of the bigger companies love it when the government does this, because they know they're going to be going and swallows up. And now your choice of insurance plans went from three, four or five to two or one.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 51:19, [7/15/20](#)]

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Freitas Mocked People Who Were Used To The Idea Of Employer-Provided Health Insurance. “FREITAS: ‘I said, so every single problem you’re trying to solve them in American medicine has been a result of government intervention into American medicine. But again, when people have just gotten so used to the idea that the government is where I get my medicine, or my job is where I get my medicine. [INAUDIBLE] essentially dictated that.’” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Freitas: “The Fact That We Pay For All Of Our Healthcare Through Insurance Is A Big Part Of The Problem.” “FREITAS: ‘Part of the problem that we have with healthcare in this country is that literally the only commodity and service that you pay for almost exclusively through insurance. We don't do that with anything else. [...] But because of tax brackets started in the 30s. It got to a point where more and more businesses were actually incentivized by the government to have you get your health insurance through the company. And through more and more government intervention over time what ended up happening was, is you almost had to buy everything through insurance. Insurance is a third-party payer. It is an incredibly inefficient way to pay for products and services. Go into any hospital right now, tell them you're willing to pay cash and see how the bill drops. Because right now they're trying to milk your insurance company for everything they can get. Why? For the five people that came into the hospital room before you that didn't have it. So the fact that we pay for all of our healthcare through insurance is a big part of the problem. And the only reason we do that is in large part because of government interference into the marketplace.’” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 50:00, [7/15/20](#)]

Freitas: “The Only Solution I See Is We Got To Have More Free Market Intervention Into The Healthcare Into The Healthcare Industry.” “The only solution I see is we got to have more free market intervention into the healthcare into the healthcare industry. It's the only solution. Because if you look, I'll give you one example. Most of our health insurance plans I'm guessing are far more expensive than they were five to 10 years ago. And we're probably less happy with the overall coverage that we had five to seven years ago, despite the fact that the government keeps piling more and more on top of it. You want to know the, the area of medicine that is actually getting cheaper, it's actually getting more affordable, more accessible, and higher quality, right? How's that possible, more affordable, more accessible, higher quality? elective surgeries. So LASIK eye surgery 10 years ago, 20 \$500 per eye today \$500 per eye, it's easier to get, and it's better quality. And the government acts surprised by this, like, Oh my gosh, how did they do it? It's called market competition.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 52:22, [7/15/20](#)]

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Freitas Opposed Medicaid Expansion. “As Freitas campaigned for the primary, he voiced staunch opposition to Medicaid expansion in the House of Delegates and called Democrats out for unfair attacks that GOP opposition reflected callous indifference to lower-income Virginians. Medicaid expansion eventually passed through the General Assembly with help from several other Republicans.” [Daily Press, 6/13/18]

Freitas Opposed The “Party Leadership” That Supported Medicaid Expansion. “We had party leadership that wanted to vote for Medicaid expansion. I opposed that.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 59:48, [5/5/20](#)]

2019: Freitas Attempted To Commission A Study Regarding The Impacts Of Medicaid Expansion In Virginia

January 2019: Freitas Introduced HJ 645, Which Would Have Commissioned A Study On The Effects Of Medicaid Expansion In Virginia. “Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the impact of Medicaid expansion in the Commonwealth. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall complete its two-year study by November 30, 2020, and shall submit an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year.” [HJ 645, Introduced [1/8/19](#)]

January 2019: The House Rules Subcommittee Voted To Table The Motion. [HJ 645, Tabled [1/29/19](#)]

2019: Freitas Supported Allowing Sale Of “Catastrophic” Health Care Plans

February 2019: Freitas Voted To Allow Statewide Sale Of Catastrophic Health Care Plans. In February 2019, Freitas Voted For SB 1027. “Authorizes health carriers to offer catastrophic plans on the individual market and to offer such plans to all individuals. The measure provides that a catastrophic plan is deemed to provide an essential health benefits package and to meet certain requirements of federal law. A catastrophic plan is a high-deductible health care plan that provides essential health benefits and coverage for at least three primary care visits per policy year. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, catastrophic plans satisfy requirements that health benefit plans provide minimum levels of coverage only if they cover individuals who are under 30 years of age or who qualify for a hardship exemption or affordability exemption. The measure requires the Commissioner of Insurance to apply to the federal government for a state innovation waiver allowing the implementation of the provision. The provision will become effective 30 days after the Commissioner notifies certain persons that the request has been approved.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 51-47. The Governor vetoed the measure. [SB 1027, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/13/19](#)]

According To Governor Ralph Northam, Universally Available Catastrophic Plans Would Have Weakened The Overall Insurance Pool And Would Have Increased Premiums Statewide. “HB 2260 and SB 1027 would allow Virginia companies to circumvent federal law and offer catastrophic plans to all individuals. Under the ACA, catastrophic plans are only available to those under the age of 30, or who qualify for an exception due to income. A catastrophic health care plan generally comes with a low monthly premium, but a higher out-of-pocket deductible. Northam said individuals might put off medical care because of the high costs before insurance coverage begins. He added that individuals with minimal health care needs ‘are more likely to purchase these threadbare plans, leaving individuals with more complex medical conditions in traditional marketplace plans.’ The governor said the bills would “likely contribute to an increase in Virginia marketplace premiums across the board.” [Virginia Gazette, [3/26/19](#)]

Freitas Voted Against A Prohibition On Issuance Of Short-Term Limited-Duration Medical Plans

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Prohibition On Issuance Of Short-Term Limited-Duration Medical Plans. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1037. “Prohibits carriers from issuing in the Commonwealth, on or after July 1, 2021, any short-term limited-duration medical plan with a duration that exceeds three months or that can be renewed or extended beyond six months, or if the plan’s issuance would result in a covered person being covered by a short-term limited-duration medical plan for more than six months in any 12-month period. The bill prohibits a carrier from issuing a short-term limited-duration medical plan during an annual open enrollment period. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 51-43. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1037, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

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Freitas Opposed Health Insurance Credits For Retired School Workers. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1513. “Requires school divisions to provide a health insurance credit of \$1.50 per year of service to non-teacher employees of a local school division with at least 15 years of total creditable service. In addition, localities may elect to provide such individuals an additional health insurance credit of up to \$1 per month for each year of creditable service. However, the bill provides that the additional benefits for retired school division employees other than teachers shall not be paid to any such employee prior to July 1, 2021. This measure does not apply to any local school division employee who retired on disability prior to July 1, 2020, if this measure would reduce the monthly credit currently payable to such former member. Eligible employees who retired prior to July 1, 2020, and did not receive a health insurance credit prior to that date will only receive the \$1.50 per year of service health insurance credit prospectively.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 76-22. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1513, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

February 2020: Freitas Blamed A Shortage Of Doctors And Nurses On Unspecified Legislation From The 1920s

February 2020: Freitas Blamed A Shortage Of Doctors And Nurses On Unspecified Legislation From The 1920s. “FREITAS: ‘Oh, no, I had a constituent and she wanted to sit down and she wanted to talk with me to see if she’d worked at a free clinic. [...] And she goes, Okay, well, well, I have a problem with that, you know, we don’t have enough doctors and nurses. I said, You know what, that’s another excellent point. And did you know that the federal government in the 1920s started working with other organizations to purposely restrict the number of people that can actually become doctors and nurses. It’s gotten so bad that a few years ago We had an equal number of people that were qualified to go to medical school get denied, as we had people that actually accepted it. I said, so at the same time that we need greater supplies of doctors, nurses, the government has actively worked to reduce your supply. So once again, why do you want me to give more power to the person that created the app?’” [Conservative Review Podcast, [2/7/20](#)]

Freitas’ Proposed Solution Was To Allow Unlicensed Personnel And Green Beret Medics To Solve A Medical Professional Shortage. “And I go through this, I said, Let me give you an example of how this could work. I said, You know, I wasn’t I was a Green Beret, we had Green Beret, medics Green Beret medics were some of the most highly trained medics you can find in the military. Yeah, I said, these guys can go when they’re overseas. They can do veterinarian services. They can do geriatric services. They can they can, you know, do BO/GYN services. Oh, and by the way, they can also fix a sucking chest wound under fire while calling in a timeline medivac. You know, these are the sorts of things that these guys do. But if they get back to the United States, and they wanted to come to your house for a house call and give your kids stitches when they fell off the bike, that would be breaking the law. I said once again, In it’s because the government has intervened into medicine so much. The prices have gone up and quality has gone down.” [Conservative Review Podcast, [2/7/20](#)]

Freitas Cast Multiple Votes Against Expanding Insurance Coverage For The Treatment Of Autism Against Overwhelming Bipartisan Support

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Proposal To Increase Insurance Coverage For Treatment Of Autism In People Above The Age Of 10

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against Extending Health Insurance Coverage For Treatment Of Autism In People Above The Age Of 10. In February 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2577.”Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals of any age. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age 10. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2020.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 97-1-1. The Governor approve the measure. [HB 2577, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/5/19](#)]

2020: Freitas Cast The Sole Vote Against A Bipartisan Initiative To Expand Insurance Coverage For Diagnosis And Treatment Of Autism

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against HB 1503. “Requires health insurers, corporations providing health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder under insurance policies, subscription contracts, or health care plans issued in the individual market or small group markets. The existing requirement that such coverage be provided for policies, contracts, or plans issued in the large group market is not affected. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 97-1-1. The Governor approve the measure. [HB 1503, House Floor Vote (Passage). [2/24/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Mandated Insurance Coverage Of Hearing Aids For Minors

Freitas Voted Against Insurance Coverage For Minors’ Hearing Aids

Freitas Opposed Mandated Insurance Coverage Of Hearing Aids For Minors. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 423. “Requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts to provide coverage for hearing aids and related services for children 18 years of age or younger when an otolaryngologist recommends such hearing aids and related services. The coverage includes one hearing aid per hearing-impaired ear, up to a cost of \$1,500, every 24 months. The measure applies to policies, contracts, and plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on and after January 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 91-2. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 423, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Prior To Adoption By Virginia, 25 Other States Provided Similar Levels Of Coverage Minors’ Hearing Aids. “When Crystal Dupilka’s son Clay was diagnosed with hearing loss in both ears, she was shocked, worried and then angry. ‘I couldn’t believe my ears,’ she told 10 On Your Side. Then, insurance denied her claims for the hearing aids her child needed. ‘I just don’t understand how you can provide glasses for children who are hard of seeing or have low vision, and then hearing aids are deemed medically unnecessary,’ she said. That’s right, private insurance does not cover hearing aids for children in Virginia, but 25 other states and Medicare do.” [WAVY, [1/31/20](#)]

Freitas Wanted To Allow The State To Rescind Medicaid Benefits After A Spouse’s Death

Freitas Cast The Sole Vote Against A Bill To Prevent Medicaid Benefit Clawback That Had Overwhelming Bipartisan Support

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting The State Of Virginia From Rescinding Medicaid Benefits From A Designated Beneficiary. In February 2020, Freitas Voted Against HB 887. “Provides that the beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account may appoint a survivor. In the event of the beneficiary’s death, the survivor becomes the new beneficiary of the account if he is eligible under federal law to be a beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account. The bill provides that if the survivor is ineligible, then any proceeds remaining in the account are distributed to the survivor and the account is closed. Under current law, if the beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account dies, his state of residence becomes a creditor of the account and may seek payment under federal law for Medicaid benefits provided to the beneficiary while he was alive. The bill prohibits the Commonwealth from seeking estate recovery or payment from the proceeds of the deceased beneficiary’s account for benefits provided to him.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 97-1. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 887, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/5/20](#)]

Freitas Was An Obstructionist Radical Libertarian Who Opposed Common Sense Legislation

Significant Findings

- ✓ From 2019-2020, Freitas opposed over 100 legislative initiatives that enjoyed bi-partisan support.
- ✓ January 2019: Freitas moved to kill a red flag bill in the Virginia Legislature that intended to prevent suicide.
- ✓ Freitas voted against requirements that day care providers secure their guns in a location not accessible to children.
- ✓ Freitas opposed common sense safety regulations.
 - ✓ Freitas opposed common sense regulations on the certification of fire sprinkler manufacturers and inspectors.
 - ✓ Freitas opposed common sense road safety legislation providing for obstruction clearance and weight limitations.
- ✓ Freitas opposed common sense legislation for schools.
 - ✓ Freitas opposed common sense training standards for school bus drivers.
 - ✓ Freitas opposed a common sense school-based mental health screening task force.
- ✓ Freitas opposed common sense legislation for rural Virginia.
 - ✓ Freitas was the only vote in the House of Delegates against a rural IT apprenticeship program.
 - ✓ Freitas opposed another sustainable farms program that enjoyed bi-partisan support.

2019-2020: Freitas Opposed Over 100 Legislative Initiatives That Enjoyed Bi-Partisan Support

In The 2019 Session Of The House Of Delegates Session, Freitas Cast 39 Votes In Which He Was In A Minority Of 10 Or Less

2019: According To Virginia's Legislative Information Service, Freitas Cast 39 House Votes Floor Votes In The Virginia House Of Delegates In Which He Was In The Superminority, One Of 10 Or Less In A Vote Category. [Virginia's Legislative Information System, accessed 6/18/20]

In The 2020 Session Of The House Of Delegates Session, Freitas Cast 84 Votes In Which He Was In A Minority Of 10 Or Less

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Freitas Opposed Common Sense Legislation To Support Virginia Public Safety...

January 2019: Freitas Moved To Kill A Red Flag Bill In The Virginia Legislature That Intended To Prevent Suicide

January 2019: Freitas Moved To Kill A Red Flag Law Proposals That Had Been Endorsed By The Trump Administration. “Republicans in Virginia’s legislature are on track to kill almost all gun control legislation touted by Gov. Ralph Northam (D) as a priority, including a ‘red flag’ bill aimed at preventing suicide that has been endorsed by the Trump administration and passed by Maryland and 14 other states. [...] ‘Our goal is never to infringe on someone’s Second Amendment rights,’ subcommittee member Del. Nick Freitas (R-Culpeper) said Friday. ‘The problem with almost every single bill we saw last night was a lot of unintended consequences.’” [Washington Post, 1/19/20]

Freitas Voted Against Requiring Guns In Day Care Providers To Be Locked In A Location Inaccessible To Children

Freitas Voted Against Requiring Guns In Day Care Providers To Be Locked In A Location Inaccessible To Children. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 593. “Requires that during hours of operation, all firearms in a licensed family day home, registered family day home, or family day home approved by a family day system be stored unloaded in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet, and that all ammunition be stored in a separate locked container, compartment, or cabinet. The bill requires that the key or combination to such locked containers, compartments, or cabinets be inaccessible to all children in the home.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 53-43. [SB 593, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Freitas Also Requested Changes To The Proposal Requesting Exemptions For Antique Firearms. “Then either Freitas or Del. Michael Webert (R-Fauquier) would move to ‘PBI,’ or pass by indefinitely, which would kill the bill. The subcommittee’s four Republicans voted for, two Democrats against; next bill. Many delegates presented their bills with open resignation. Del. Marcus Simon (D-Fairfax) made a case for the committee to pass his bill on plastic guns, then added: ‘Though I don’t have much hope that’ll happen.’ There were two exceptions. One was a Republican bill to allow out-of-state residents to get a Virginia concealed-handgun permit, which passed on a party-line vote. And the other was the measure sponsored by Del. Patrick Hope (D-Arlington) that required home day-care centers to keep guns locked up. Freitas told Hope that if the language could be tightened - so that antique firearms, for instance, would not be affected - it might get Republican support. The bill was set aside and talks were underway on Friday.” [Washington Post, 1/19/20]

The Bill Was Also Known As “Cole’s Law.” “Cole’s Law passes! If you self-select to operate a family day home, you simply have to lock up your guns and keep them away from children. #commonsense.” [Patrick Hope, Twitter, [2/11/20](#)]



[Patrick Hope, Twitter, 2/11/20]

In 2017, 4-Year Old Cole James Clark Accidentally Shot Himself With A Gun That Was Unsecured In His Day Care Provider’s Home In Orange County, VA. “In May 2017, 4-year-old Cole James Clark fatally shot himself in his baby sitter’s home in Orange County, Virginia. From the moment his mother, Kyrin Falcetti, received the tragic phone call detailing her son’s death, she has never stopped fighting for him. Now, Virginia lawmakers are joining her in that fight.” [NBC 4 Washington, 2/21/20]

Freitas Opposed Certification Requirements For Fire Sprinkler Manufacturers And Inspectors

Freitas Opposed Certification Requirements For Fire Sprinkler Manufacturers And Inspectors. In 2019, Freitas Voted Against SB 1774. “Creates the classification of fire sprinkler contractor for the purpose of licensure by the Board for Contractors (the Board). The bill also creates a certification for automatic fire sprinkler inspectors and prohibits any person from conducting inspections of automatic fire sprinkler systems unless he maintains or is accompanied by a person who maintains a Level II or higher NICET certification. The bill requires the Board to promulgate regulations requiring continuing education and knowledge of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code as prerequisites for certification renewal as an automatic fire sprinkler inspector. The provisions of the bill mandating NICET certification have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 2/19/19. [SB 1774, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/19/19](#)]

2020: Freitas Opposed Weight Limitations On Emergency Vehicles On Highways, In The Face Of Broad Bipartisan Support

1/21/20: In January 2020, Freitas Cast A Committee Vote Against Requiring Emergency Vehicles To Comply With Weight Restrictions On Highways In Virginia. “Firefighting equipment; weight limitation on interstate. Requires firefighting equipment to comply with existing weight limitations for emergency vehicles on interstate highways. Current law exempts firefighting equipment from all size and weight limitations. The bill exempts emergency vehicles registered to a federal, state, or local agency or a fire company from any fee typically charged for the issuance of an overweight permit for such vehicle.” The House Transportation Committee reported the bill by a vote of 21-1. The House passed the bill by a vote of 91-8; Freitas Voted Yea. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 991, Committee Vote [1/21/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Allowing Municipalities To Implement Road Safety Regulations Regarding Vegetation Overgrowth

Freitas Opposed Allowing Municipalities To Implement Road Safety Regulations Regarding Vegetation Overgrowth. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 225. “Authorizes any locality, by ordinance, to require the owner of any property located adjacent to a right-of-way maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation to remove any and all trees, tree limbs, shrubs, high grass, or other substance that might dangerously obstruct the line of sight of a driver, be involved in a collision with a vehicle, or interfere with the safe operation of a vehicle.” The House adopted the measure by a vote of 78-19. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 225, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

...Schools...**2019: Freitas Voted Against Improved School Bus Driver Training Standards**

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against Requiring School Bus Drivers To Be Trained On Adverse Weather Conditions And Other Safety Measures Including Safe Onloading And Offloading Of Students. In February 2019, Freitas voted against SB 1713. “Requires the Board of Education to include in its training program for school bus operators safety protocols for responding to adverse weather conditions, unsafe conditions during loading and unloading of students, students on the wrong bus, and other circumstances, as determined by the Board, where student safety is at risk.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 88-6. The measure was approved by the Governor. [SB 1713, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/15/19](#)]

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against The Creation Of A School-Based Health Centers Joint Task Force That Enjoyed Overwhelming Bi-Partisan Support

February 2019, Freitas Voted Against Creating A Task Force To Assess Mental Health Screening In Virginia Schools. In February 2019, Freitas voted against SB 1195. “School-based health centers joint task force; report. Directs the Virginia’s Children’s Cabinet to establish a school-based health centers joint task force that is tasked with (i) assessing the current landscape of school-based services and mental health screening, evaluation, and treatment in school settings; (ii) in coordination with ongoing behavioral health transformation efforts of the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, developing best practice recommendations for trauma-informed school-based health centers as a vehicle for the provision of both medical and behavioral health delivered in school settings; (iii) evaluating options for billing public and private insurance for school-based health services; and (iv) developing a plan for establishing a Virginia affiliate member organization, recognized by the national School-Based Health Alliance, for the purposes of providing technical assistance and guidance to localities interested in bolstering or implementing current and future school-based health centers. The bill requires that the task force report its findings by December 1, 2019.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 91-6. The measure was approved by the Governor. [SB 1195, House Floor Vote (passage) [2/13/19](#)]

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.... And Farms

2019: Freitas Was The Sole Vote Against A Bill Establishing The Virginia Rural IT Apprenticeship Grant Fund Program

February 2019: Freitas Cast The Lone Vote Against A On-The-Job Information Technology Training In Rural Virginia. In February 2019, Freitas cast the sole vote in the House against SB 1495. “Establishes the Virginia Rural Information Technology Apprenticeship Grant Fund and Program, to be administered by the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, for the purpose of awarding grants to small, rural information technology businesses in certain localities in the Southwest and Southside regions of Virginia to establish 18-month apprenticeship programs for full-time employees that combine mentorship and on-the-job training to enhance the experience and skills of such employees.” The House approved the measure by a vote of 98-1. [SB 1495, House Floor Vote (final adoption) [2/21/19](#)]

Freitas Voted Against A Local Food And Sustainable Farming Fund

Freitas Voted Against A Local Food And Sustainable Farming Fund. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1034. “Establishes the Local Food and Farming Infrastructure Fund and directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish a Local Food and Farming Infrastructure Grant Program for infrastructure development projects that support local food production and sustainable farming. The bill directs the Department to award grants to political subdivisions for projects that include the establishment or maintenance of farmers markets; businesses or organizations that manage the aggregation, distribution, and marketing of food products primarily from local and regional producers; and primarily locally owned processing facilities. Any political subdivision that

is awarded a grant is required to oversee the spending of the grant and provide an annual report and a final report to the Department. The bill provides parameters for the payment of the grant amount to each political subdivision and establishes requirements for verification of compliance with award criteria by such political subdivision.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 79-15. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1034, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

Freitas Was Beholden To Special Interest Donors And Loyal Toed The Party Line

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2019, Freitas received a massive \$500,000 contribution to his reelection campaign for the Virginia House of Delegates from Richard Uihlein, Republican megadonor and husband of Liz Uihlein, president of the Uline Corporation.*
 - ✓ *Richard And Liz Uihlein Contributed A Net Of \$8,200 To Freitas' Campaign For Congress.*
 - ✓ *The Uihlein family had a long history of contributing to extreme super PACs and far-right organizations.*
 - ✓ *One of the organizations that the Uihleins funneled money to an organization whose ads were deemed racist by the RNC.*
 - ✓ *In 2020, Liz Uihlein contributed money to groups that pushed for premature reopening during the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
- ✓ *Freitas was endorsed by Club For Growth which sent mailers saying that Freitas "is supported by team Trump."*
- ✓ *Freitas had close connections to the alcohol industry, including distillery owner and Congressman Denver Riggleman.*
 - ✓ *Freitas promoted legislation to the industry's benefit.*
- ✓ *Freitas toed the party line and was a Trump loyalist despite reservations about loyalty pledges*
 - ✓ *Freitas embraced the praise of House minority leader Kevin McCarthy.*
 - ✓ *During the 2018 Virginia Senate Republican Primary, Freitas presented contrasting stances regarding loyalty to Donald Trump.*
 - ✓ *Freitas said that he would "lead the charge" implementing Trump's agenda in the United States Senate.*
 - ✓ *Freitas questioned the idea of signing a loyalty oath to Trump, stating that the members of Congress swear oaths to the Constitution.*
 - ✓ *Freitas said that in spite of criticisms for his incessant tweeting, Trump should not "get off the toilet."*
 - ✓ *Freitas compared Trump to George Washington and the 2020 election to Valley Forge.*
 - ✓ *Freitas was a vehement opponent of impeachment and used it to jumpstart his campaign.*
 - ✓ *Freitas' campaign sold impeachment themed merchandise capitalizing on the process.*

Freitas Received A Massive Political Contribution From Uihlein Family To The Tune Of Half A Million Dollars

Billionaire Republican Richard Mega-Donor Showered Half A Million Dollars On Freitas

2019: Billionaire Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein Donated \$500,000 To Freitas' 2019 Campaign

Billionaire Republican Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein Donated \$500,000 To Freitas' Write-In Campaign. In September 2019, the Culpeper Star-Exponent reported: “A Chicago area Republican mega-donor has donated \$500,000 to the write-in reelection campaign of Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper. Billionaire businessman Richard Uihlein made the contribution on July 12, according to recently released campaign finance reports for July and August.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [9/18/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “One Virginia Candidate Has Accepted A Massive Donation.” [WVTF, [9/25/19](#)]

Uihlein's Donation Was The Largest In The History Of The Virginia House Of Delegates. In September 2019, conservative blog Bearing Drift reported: “It was the largest donation in the history of the Virginia House of Delegates — half-a-million dollars from a mystery mega-donor deposited into Culpeper Republican Delegate Nick Freitas' war chest. Who was the secret money-bags donor? In March 2018, Politico called billionaire Richard Uihlein ‘the biggest Republican mega-donor you've never heard of,’ and profiled the man who had been dumping millions into Libertarian campaigns.” [Bearing Drift, blog, [9/19/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “Freitas Will Report Getting \$500K From GOP Megadonor, Campaign Says.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/19](#)]

Uihlein's Donation To Freitas Was “Raising Eyebrows Across Virginia.” In September 2019, WVTF reported: “Running for office isn't cheap, especially when the stakes are as high as they are this year. But one very large campaign contribution is raising eyebrows across Virginia. Wisconsin-based businessman Richard Uihlein is no stranger to Virginia politics. Campaign finance documents show he donated \$160,000 to Republican Ed Gillespie's campaign for governor, and he gave \$32,000 to the Home School Legal Defense Fund. In July, he cut a check for half a million dollars to Republican Delegate Nick Freitas, an amount that Bob Denton at Virginia Tech says is part of a larger trend.” [WVTF, [9/25/19](#)]

Uihlein's Donation Gave Freitas A Fighting Chance In His Write-In Campaign

Although Freitas Failed To Qualify For The November Ballot, “The Outside Financial Help Could Help Him Fund A Resource-Intensive [Write-In] Campaign.” In September 2019, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported: “Freitas, a libertarian-leaning former Green Beret who has served in the House of Delegates since 2016, failed to qualify for the November ballot due to missed filing deadlines, but the outside financial help could help him fund a resource-intensive outreach campaign explaining how Republican voters can cast their ballots for him.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/19](#)]

Freitas' Chances To Hold His Seat Were “Bolstered” By The \$500k From Uihlein. In October 2019, the AP reported: “Freitas' chances of holding on to his seat have been bolstered by a \$500,000 donation from GOP megadonor Richard Uihlein, an Illinois billionaire.” [AP, [10/20/19](#)]

“Freitas' Campaign Was Greatly Aided By A \$500,000 Donation” From Uihlein, Which “Dissuaded Democrats From Investing A Lot In The Contest.” In November 2019, the Culpeper Star-Exponent reported: “Freitas' campaign was greatly aided by a \$500,000 donation from GOP megadonor Richard Uihlein, an Illinois billionaire. That dissuaded Democrats from investing a lot in the contest.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [11/6/19](#)]

2019-2020: Richard And Liz Uihlein Also Contributed \$8,200 To Freitas' Congressional Campaign

2019-2020: Richard And Liz Uihlein Contributed A Net Of \$8,200 To Freitas' Campaign For Congress.

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [7/15/20](#)]

Uihlein Family Contributions To Freitas Campaigns			
Name	Date	Campaign Type	Contribution Amount
Richard Uihlein	7/15/19	Virginia House of Delegates	\$500,000
Richard Uihlein	12/16/19	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/16/19	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/19/19	Congressional-General	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/19/19	Congressional-Primary	-\$2,800 (Refund)
Elizabeth Uihlein	6/26/20	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
TOTAL			\$508,200

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [7/15/20](#)] [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [7/15/20](#)]

The Uihleins Represented The Worst Of Big Moneyed Special Interests Trying To Buy Elections

Richard And Liz Uihlein Were Huge GOP Mega-Donors

Richard Uihlein Was “A Pre-Eminent Megadonor” And Ranked Only Behind Sheldon Adelson And Tom Steyer In Amount Of Campaign Contributions. In August 2018, Politico reported: “Uihlein has emerged on the national scene this cycle as a pre-eminent megadonor. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Uihlein ranks third in the nation with his \$29.1 million in contributions. That’s about on par with conservative Sheldon Adelson’s \$30 million in contributions and Democrat Tom Steyer’s \$29.5 million.” [Politico, [8/17/18](#)]

The Uihleins Were Reported As Having Gave “Tens Of Millions To Conservative Campaigns And Causes,” And Being “One Of The Top Five Courted GOP Donors” In The Country. “Richard also gave \$1.8 million of the \$1.9 million raised by the Restoration PAC to support Wisconsin’s Republican U.S. Senator Ron Johnson. All told the Uihleins have given ‘tens of millions to conservative campaigns and causes,’ as Sourcewatch has noted. Uihlein is ‘one of the top five courted GOP donors’ in the country, one insider told CNN.” [Urban Milwaukee [8/17/17](#)]

MSNBC: Richard Uihlein Became A Large Donor After The 2010 Citizens United Decision. “Richard Uihlein, Lake Forest, IL -- The Illinois businessman became a heavy-weight donor after the Supreme Court’s Citizen’s United decision in 2010. Since then he has contributed heavily to tea party groups like the Club for Growth and Liberty Principles PAC. Uihlein, who along with his wife owns a packaging supply company, has also given to potential 2016 GOP presidential candidates Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.” [MSNBC, 4/8/14]

The Uihlein’s Frequently Financed Shadowy Outside Groups And Super PACs

Uihlein Was America’s Top Donor To Outside Spending Groups In The 2018 Election Cycle. “From 2014 to 2016, the Ed Uihlein Foundation gave TPUSA \$275,000, including \$175,000 in 2016. Richard Uihlein, the founder of a lucrative shipping business and president of this foundation named after his father, is a Republican mega-donor and a ‘free-markets, smaller-government crusader’ from the Chicago area. He and his wife, Elizabeth, spent \$23.7 million on politics during the 2016 election cycle, the ninth-highest total in the country, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. Richard Uihlein made 6- and 7-figure donations to many independent political spending groups including the Unintimidated PAC, which supported Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker; the Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund; and Club For Growth Action. Uihlein is America’s top donor to outside spending groups in the current election cycle.” [International Business Times, [11/28/17](#)]

Since 2015, Uihlein's Family Foundation Contributed \$250K To American Majority And \$250K To The Americans For Prosperity Foundation. "In April, a conservative group called American Majority, which has received \$250,000 from Uihlein's family foundation since 2015, helped prevent another potential Republican candidate in the Wisconsin primary. The group circulated an opposition research memo highlighting a series of tweets sent by Nicole Schneider, a trucking heiress who was then considering a senate bid. The tweets included messages critical of prominent Republicans, including Trump, and praising Democrats such as Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). Schneider opted against a senate run. Uihlein's foundation has given another \$250,000 since 2015 to the Americans for Prosperity Foundation, the 501(c)(3) 'educational' arm of libertarian billionaires Charles and David Koch's political activist organization. In October, AFP's Wisconsin arm announced a 'seven figure' ad campaign targeting Baldwin." [Daily Beast, [1/16/18](#)]

Uihlein Was Looking Out For His Own Corporate Interests

Richard Uihlein Was CEO Of Uline Inc., A Company With More Than \$2 Billion In Revenue. In November 2014, Forbes reported: "Uihlein is the CEO of Uline Inc. (the name is a play on the family surname), a little-known Wisconsin company that does a booming trade selling shipping and packaging materials to businesses in North America. It has more than \$2 billion in revenues according to press reports and a proprietary corporate database, making it one of America's largest private companies." [Forbes, [11/4/14](#)]

Uihlein Owned Packaging Company Uline, And His Wife Wrote Newsletters For The Company Detailing Their "Dislike Of Government Regulation." In August 2017, the Chicago Tribune reported: "That's the promise of the latest Uline catalog, the face of the packaging empire owned by Republican megadonors Dick and Liz Uihlein. The Uihleins, of Lake Forest and Wisconsin, have never been shy about sharing their conservative politics with their customers and employees: Liz Uihlein has long written a newsletter on the company website, covering such topics as the couple's love of Fox News, dislike of government regulation and their complicated views on trade policy." [Chicago Tribune, [8/11/17](#)]

Uihlein Had A History Of Donating To Extremist Groups And Candidates

Uihlein Was A Big Financial Supporter Of Child Predator And Alabama Senate Candidate Roy Moore

Richard Uihlein Was The Top Contributor To Roy Moore's Super PAC After He Gave It \$100K, Including A Donation "More Than A Week After The First Allegations Of Sexual Misconduct Against Moore Surfaced." "A pop-up super PAC that has spent six figures supporting Moore in recent months received the majority of its funds from Wisconsin-based conservative megadonor Richard Uihlein, according to a new FEC filing. The PAC, called Proven Conservative PAC, has spent \$147,649 since being formed in August and received \$100,000 from Uihlein. One of Uihlein's donations came on Nov. 22, more than a week after the first allegations of sexual misconduct against Moore surfaced, according to the new disclosure." [Politico Pro, Campaign Pro's Morning Score, [11/28/17](#)]

Uihlein Gave \$500,000 To Senate Conservatives Action, A Super PAC That Spent \$412,530 Supporting Moore's Primary Campaign. "The Illinois businessman is also a generous supporter of super PACs. He's given \$1.5 million to Club for Growth Action, \$250,000 to its affiliate CFG Action Ohio, and \$500,000 to Senate Conservatives Action, a super PAC that spent \$412,530 supporting Moore's candidacy in the Alabama primary, before the allegations surfaced against him." [Bloomberg, [11/28/17](#)]

Uihlein Funded A PAC That Inflammatory Ads That Were Deemed Racist By The RNC

Richard Uihlein Was America's PAC's Largest Funder. "America's PAC spokesman Tom Donelson did not immediately respond to a request for comment on his group's ad, but in the past has said he believes Republicans can pick up votes from black and Latino voters who tend to be conservative on social issues... Records show the

group's largest funder is Richard Uihlein, CEO of the Uline shipping supply company headquartered in Pleasant Prairie." [Capital Times, 07/13/16]

America's PAC 527 Focused On Promoting Free-Market, Conservative Principles, Especially To African-American And Hispanic Audiences. "Americas PAC has produced, written, and/or directed more than 300 TV and radio spots for conservative candidates and causes. Over the last four election cycles we have been responsible for the placement of roughly 60,000 spots targeting conservative messages to African Americans, 80,000 ads targeting conservative messages to Spanish-speakers, and 20,000 ads promoting the GOP's free market principles on suburban and medium sized market radio in purple states. We have conducted exhaustive research and found that many minority voters share our values and goals but they still continue to vote Democrat. [...] With large percentages of minority voters supporting marriage, lower taxes, school choice and pro-life positions but voting Democratic, our goal is to ask for their vote without compromising our conservative views." [America's PAC, [5/22/17](#)]

In 2000, America's PAC Founder Aired Ad On School Choice Where Parents Said Their Son's School "Was A Bit More Diversity Than He Could Handle." "That approach sometimes landed Nadler in hot water. In 2000, two years before Nadler founded America's PAC, he wrote a school choice ad in which two parents complained that their son's violent school 'was a bit more diversity than he could handle.' Both George W. Bush's presidential campaign and the Republican National Committee denounced the ad, with the latter calling it 'racist or race-baiting in intent,' the New York Sun reported." [Mother Jones, [10/10/14](#)]

The Ad Was Denounced As "Racist" By The Republican National Committee. "The new ad is similar to others run in past campaigns by the Iowa-based America's PAC, which is spending \$66,000 to air the spot in southeastern Wisconsin, according to Federal Election Commission records. [...] The group has taken heat from both Democrats and Republicans in previous elections. A 2000 school choice ad was called 'racist or race-baiting in intent' by the Republican National Committee and denounced as 'inappropriate' by George W. Bush's presidential campaign. The ad featured a white parent complaining that his child's public school had 'a bit more diversity' than he could handle. Records show the group's largest funder is Richard Uihlein, CEO of the Uline shipping supply company headquartered in Pleasant Prairie." [Capital Times, 07/13/16]

In 2006, America's PAC Aired \$1 Million In Radio Spots That Were Considered Inflammatory And Repulsive, Including Ads About Abortion. "The abortion ad is classic America's PAC. The group turned heads in the 2006 elections when it aired nearly \$1 million in radio spots that critics derided as inflammatory and 'repulsive.' One of these ads was nearly identical to this year's abortion spot." [Mother Jones, [10/10/14](#)]

In 2006, America's PAC Aired Ad Aimed At Black Voters That Linked Democrats Who Wanted To End Iraq War To David Duke. "The abortion ad is classic America's PAC. The group turned heads in the 2006 elections when it aired nearly \$1 million in radio spots that critics derided as inflammatory and 'repulsive.' [...] Another ad aimed at black voters linked Democrats who supported an end to the war in Iraq to former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. The ad aired after Duke spoke at an anti-war rally in Syria. 'I can understand why a Ku Klux Klan cracker like David Duke makes nice with the terrorists,' says the ad's male narrator. 'What I want to know is why so many of the Democrat politicians I helped elect are on the same side of the Iraq War as David Duke?'" [Mother Jones, [10/10/14](#)]

In 2006, America's PAC Aired Additional Anti-Abortion Ad That Included Racist Stereotypes. "The abortion ad is classic America's PAC. The group turned heads in the 2006 elections when it aired nearly \$1 million in radio spots that critics derided as inflammatory and 'repulsive.' [...] Yet another ad from that year that targeted black radio listeners featured two men having this exchange: 'If you make a little mistake with one of your hos, you'll want to dispose of that problem tout suite, no questions asked.' 'No, that's too cold. I don't snuff my own seed.' 'Huh, really? Well maybe you do have a reason to vote Republican.' Donelson says the group's 2006 ads—some of which were narrated by future presidential contender Herman Cain—were the work of America's PAC founder and longtime Republican operative Richard Nadler. 'He was the political genius' behind the group, Donelson says. 'Rich was a hardcore, in-your-face-guy.'" [Mother Jones, [10/10/14](#)]

In 2016, America’s PAC Ran Radio Ads Attacking Russ Feingold On Choice, Asking Him If He Did Not Want Hispanic Babies To Be Born. “A Spanish-language radio ad from a controversial political group accuses Russ Feingold of not wanting Hispanic babies to be born, in an effort to persuade Latino voters to support Republican Sen. Ron Johnson in November. ‘I have a question for Feingold. Why should you have my vote if you don’t want our babies?’ a woman asks in an ad airing on Spanish-language and gospel radio stations in the Milwaukee and Racine markets. The ad opens with a man asking whether it matters to Feingold that ‘Hispanic babies are twice as likely to be aborted as white babies.’ [...] The new ad is similar to others run in past campaigns by the Iowa-based America’s PAC, which is spending \$66,000 to air the spot in southeastern Wisconsin, according to FEC records.” [Capital Times, [7/6/16](#)]

Uline CEO Liz Uihlein Funneled Money To Efforts For A Premature Reopening From COVID-19 Shutdowns And Supported The Trump-Backed “Liberate” Movement

Liz Uihlein Called COVID-19 “Overhyped” And Pushed To End Lockdown Measures In The Uline Company’s Home State Of Wisconsin

Liz Uihlein Called COVID-19 “Overhyped.” “One of Donald Trump’s most fervent billionaire donors is lobbying against strict stay-at-home rules in the election battleground state of Wisconsin, raising troubling new questions about how the president’s rightwing financial supporters may influence the US response to the pandemic. Liz Uihlein, the billionaire behind Wisconsin’s Uline shipping and packaging company – who with her husband, Richard, has been dubbed the most ‘powerful conservative couple you’ve never heard of’ – is using her clout to try to force Wisconsin’s Democratic governor to relax stay-at-home rules, claiming that the crisis has been ‘overhyped’ by the media.” [The Guardian, [4/23/20](#)]

HEADLINE: “It’s Overhyped”: Trump Mega-Donor Pushes To End Wisconsin’s Stay-At-Home Order.
[The Guardian, [4/23/20](#)]

Liz Uihlein Lobbied State Legislators To Have Governor Tony Evers Removed From Office In Response To COVID-19 Lockdowns. “Her actions – from lobbying Republican legislators in the state to circulating a petition to employees to have the governor, Tony Evers, removed from office – come as two protests have been organized against the Democratic governor on Friday.” [The Guardian, [4/23/20](#)]

Organizers Of Anti-Lockdown Protests Refused To Disclose If The Uihlein Family Was Funding Them. “While organizers of both protests have claimed they are part of a ‘grassroots’ movement, another prominent Trump supporter and friend of the Uihleins, Stephen Moore, who compared the rightwing protesters to the civil rights icon Rosa Parks, has said a ‘large Wisconsin donor’ was supporting the protests. Asked by the Guardian whether the Uihleins were supporting the effort, Moore said he had not disclosed the donor and hung up.” [The Guardian, [4/23/20](#)]

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megadonor, said Evers should take more seriously the responsibility of ensuring the state’s economy can support workers and their families.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 4/20/20]

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HEADLINE: What Happens In China Doesn’t Stay In China. [Uline Catalog, accessed [6/17/20](#)]

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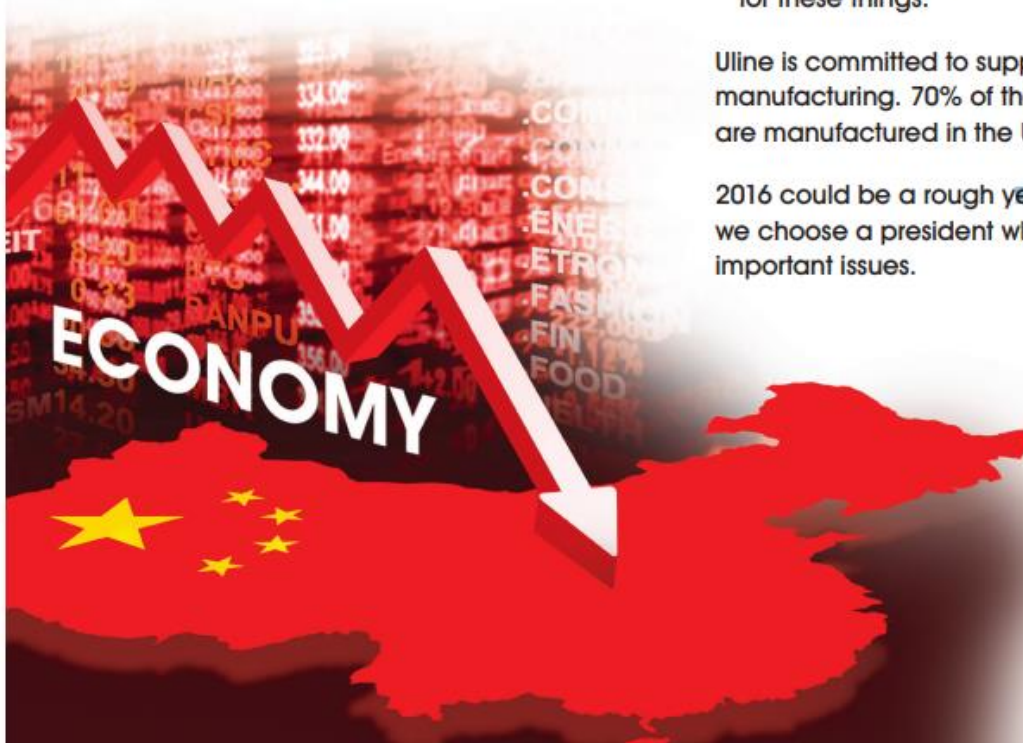
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- Devaluing China's currency makes their labor even cheaper, which may entice more U.S. companies to send manufacturing overseas.
- China's booming construction industry has slowed dramatically. Now they have empty cities full of empty high-rises.
- Automakers and luxury brands that export goods to China will feel the pain, too, as Chinese consumers won't have the money for these things.

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2016 could be a rough year. Let's make sure we choose a president who will focus on these important issues.



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[Uline Catalog, accessed [6/17/20](#)]

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grandchildren, who may be busy telling you it's safer than alcohol. It's bad news. It remains a gateway drug.”
[Uline Catalog, accessed [6/17/20](#)]

Freitas Was Endorsed By Club For Growth Which Sent Mailers Saying That Freitas “Is Supported By Team Trump”

In December 2019, Club For Growth Endorsed Freitas And Then Created A Website For The VA-07 GOP Convention

December 2019: Club For Growth Endorsed Freitas For His Run In VA-07

December 2019: Club For Growth PAC Endorsed Freitas. “Club for Growth PAC announced the endorsement of Virginia Delegate Nick Freitas for Virginia’s 7th Congressional District, and Club for Growth PAC President David McIntosh issued the following statement. ‘Nick Freitas is a principled, pro-growth conservative and well positioned to win the Republican primary and beat the liberal Pelosi loyalist, Rep. Abigail Spanberger,’ said McIntosh. ‘Despite claiming to be independent on the campaign trail, Spanberger voted with Nancy Pelosi and the emerging socialist wing of the Democratic party once she got into office, not a good fit for a district that President Trump won by more than 6%.’ This summer, Club for Growth released an analysis of the voting records of newly elected Democrat members of the House of Representatives in districts that were previously held by Republicans. Rep. Spanberger has voted with Speaker Nancy Pelosi 92.86% of the time and with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez 89.23% of the time. Club for Growth PACs support principled, pro-growth conservatives in key elections across the country. In 2018, Club for Growth PACs won 14 of 17 races on Election Day while maintaining 8.9% overhead.”
[Club for Growth PAC, [12/2/19](#)]

January 2020: Club For Growth Registered The Domain District7convention.com

1/13/20: According To The Internet Corporation For Assigned Names And Numbers (ICANN), The Domain District7convention.com Was Created. [ICANN, Accessed [6/29/20](#)]

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[ICANN, Accessed [6/29/20](#)]

As Of June 2020, The Website District7convention.com Displayed Information Regarding The Convention Without Any Particular Information Regarding Candidates. [District7convention.com, [6/29/20](#)]

The Website Indicated That It Was Paid For By Club For Growth. [District7convention.com, [6/29/20](#)]



[District7convention.com, [6/29/20](#)]

Ahead Of The VA-07 Convention, Club For Growth Sent Mailers In Support Of Freitas Titled “Team Trump Picks Nick Freitas For Congress”

June 2020: Club For Growth Mailer Sent Ahead Of VA-07 Republican Convention.



[Brandon Jaaavis, Twitter, [6/26/20](#)]

(Reverse)

Republican Nick Freitas is supported by Team Trump



“We have a great shot to win this seat back, but only with a strong candidate like Nick Freitas.”

— Congressman Devin Nunes

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- Lower taxes
- Protect life
- Defend the 2nd Amendment
- Secure our borders
- Support law enforcement and first responders

Top Trump Activists and Allies Pick Nick Freitas for Congress

- U.S. Senator Ted Cruz
- Congressman Dan Crenshaw, Navy Seal/Top Trump Ally
- Congressman Devin Nunes, Top Trump Congressional Ally
- Senator Bryce Reeves, Virginia Trump Leadership Team
- David Bossie, National Deputy Campaign Manager for Trump
- Mark Lloyd, Deputy Campaign Director for Trump
- John Fredericks, Virginia Co-Chair for Trump
- Mike Rubino, Trump Advisor

Vote Nick Freitas for Congress at the July 18th convention. For more information, visit www.district7convention.com.

[Brandon Jaaavis, Twitter, [6/26/20](#)]

Freitas Made Political Favors For The Alcohol Industry

Freitas Made Political Errands For Distillers Who Contributed To His Campaigns

Freitas Was Close With Distillery Owner And Congressman Denver Riggleman

2017: Freitas Attended A Party Hosted By Denver Riggleman At His Distillery In Support Of Ed Gillespie's Campaign. “Once opponents in the race for governor, Republican nominee Ed Gillespie and Nelson County resident Denver Riggleman met again Saturday. This time, Riggleman welcomed Gillespie to his distillery for a ‘Whiskey Rebellion’ party in support of Gillespie’s campaign. [...] A number of state legislators — Dels. Ben Cline, R-Rockbridge; Dickie Bell, R-Staunton; and Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper; as well as state Sen. Bryce Reeves, R-Spotsylvania, who was defeated by state Sen. Jill Holtzman Vogel, R-Fauquier, in his bid to become the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor — also were in attendance.” [Lynchburg News & Advance, [7/29/17](#)]

February 2017: Freitas Was “Honored” To Have Former Gubernatorial Candidate And Distillery Owner Denver Riggleman’s Endorsement. Freitas posted on Facebook, “Denver Riggleman believes in the Conservative cause, and he’s always fighting for the good of our country and the good of the Commonwealth! I’m honored to have Denver’s endorsement.” [Nick Freitas, Facebook, [2/7/18](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Facebook, [2/7/18](#)]

Silverback Distillery Owner Denver Riggleman Donated \$6,700 To Nick Freitas' U.S. Senate Campaign.

Riggleman, who listed Silverback Distillery as his employer, donated \$1,000 for the primary on December 8, 2017, \$2,700 for the primary on March 31, 2018, and \$3,000 for the general on March 31, 2018. [Freitas For U.S. Senate, FEC, accessed 5/14/18]

In 2017, Denver Riggleman Donated \$1,000 To Freitas For Delegate. [VPAP, 5/26/17]

Freitas Sponsored A Resolution To Commend Donor Chuck Miller And His Belmont Farms Distillery

In 2017, Freitas Introduced A Measure Commending Belmont Farms Distillery. [HJ 1062, Passed Senate, [2/23/17](#)]

Chuck Miller Of Belmont Distillery Donated \$1,500 To Freitas For Delegate In 2017 And \$500 In 2016. [VPAP, accessed [6/25/20](#)]

Freitas Sponsored A Successful Bill Which Allowed Distilleries To Sell Their Product At Certain Festivals And Events Within Virginia

In 2017, Freitas Sponsored A Bill To Allow Distilleries To Sell Their Product At Virginia Festivals And Events Focused On Spirits. "Virginia's more than 40 distilleries will be able to sell bottles of their products at in-state festivals and events focused on spirits starting early this summer. Prior to passage of the identical bills SB 1448 and HB 2029 in the General Assembly's 2017 session, distillers only were permitted to sell their products through state liquor stores and in highly regulated amounts in on-site tasting rooms. Customers also could purchase bottles of distilled spirits at Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control-approved, on-site distillery stores. Sen. R. Creigh Deeds, D-Bath County, and Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, sponsored the respective bills. The legislation, signed into law by Gov. Terry McAuliffe and set to take effect July 1, was presented by the Virginia Distillers Association, a newly formed lobby organization formed by the state's distillers to fight for loosening regulations on the tightly controlled industry. According to VDA lobbyist Curtis Coleburn, the legislation helps distillers reach more customers and increase their sales." [Charlottesville Business Reporter, 3/17/18]

Freitas Sponsored Other Legislation To Loosen Regulations On The Distilling Industry

In 2016, Freitas Sponsored A Bill Simplifying The Way Distilleries Could Sell Alcohol Distilled On Site. The Charlottesville Business Journal reported, "Currently, distilleries act as agents for the ABC [Alcoholic Beverage

Control] as part of a system built during the transition out of Prohibition. When Silverback sells a bottle of booze it distills on premises, the business sends all proceeds to the ABC. At least a month later, the ABC returns about 46 percent of revenue. A bill carried by Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, to undo this system died in subcommittee moments after the phrase ‘fiscal impact’ was muttered. It would have cost ABC coffers \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2017, according to the ABC. In the bill’s impact statement, the ABC said that loss could grow to \$3.5 million per year by Fiscal Year 2022.” [Charlottesville Business Journal, 2/16]

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Freitas’ Bill Was Left In The House General Laws Committee. Freitas was the chief patron of HB 1375, which was introduced in January 2016. According to Virginia’s Legislative Information System, “Creates parity between Distilleries and Wineries for the purpose of on-site retail sales, administration, and accounting.” [HB 1375, Left in General Laws, 2/16/16]

In 2016, Freitas Was Chief Patron Of A Measure That Would Allow Distillers To Provide Samples Of Their Product. In February 2016, Freitas voted for HB 1350, a measure for which he served as chief patron. According to Virginia’s Legislative Information System, “Allows a distiller licensee that has been appointed as an agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to give samples of spirits to persons to whom alcoholic beverages may be lawfully sold for on-premises consumption, provided that (i) the spirits samples are manufactured within the same licensed premises; (ii) no single sample exceeds one-half ounce of spirits, unless served as a mixed beverage, in which case a single sample may contain up to one and one-half ounces of spirits; (iii) no more than three ounces of spirits are given or sold to any person per day; and (iv) a method is used to track the consumption of each consumer.” The measure passed the House on a 92 – 6 vote and was approved by the governor. [HB 1350, House Floor Vote (Passage), 2/16/16]

In 2017, Freitas Was The Chief Patron Of A Bill Allowing Licensed Distillers To Sell Spirits At Events. In February 2017, Freitas voted for HB 2029, a measure for which he served as chief patron. According to Virginia’s Legislative Information System, HB 2029 “Allows a licensed distiller who has been appointed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as an agent to sell spirits manufactured by the distiller at a site of an event licensed by the Board and conducted for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about spirits products.” The measure passed the House on a 98 – 0 vote and was approved by the governor. [HB 2029, House Floor Vote (Block Passage), 2/1/17]

The Bill “Was Presented By The Virginia Distillers Association, A Newly Formed Lobby Organization Formed By The State’s Distillers To Fight For Loosening Regulations On The Tightly Controlled Industry.” The Charlottesville Business Reporter reported, “Virginia’s more than 40 distilleries will be able to sell bottles of their products at in-state festivals and events focused on spirits starting early this summer. Prior to passage of the identical bills SB 1448 and HB 2029 in the General Assembly’s 2017 session, distillers only were permitted to sell their products through state liquor stores and in highly regulated amounts in on-site tasting rooms. Customers also could purchase bottles of distilled spirits at Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control-approved, on-site distillery stores. Sen. R. Creigh Deeds, D-Bath County, and Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, sponsored the respective bills. The legislation, signed into law by Gov. Terry McAuliffe and set to take effect July 1, was presented by the Virginia Distillers Association, a newly formed lobby organization formed by the state’s distillers to fight for loosening regulations on the tightly controlled industry.

According to VDA lobbyist Curtis Coleburn, the legislation helps distillers reach more customers and increase their sales.” [Charlottesville Business Reporter, 3/17]

The Virginia Distillers Association Visited The Capitol To Thank Legislators For Their Support Of Pro-Spirits Legislation, Including Freitas’ HB 2029; Freitas Said He Was “Proud To Support Entrepreneurial Small Businesses And Encourage The Growth Of The Virginia Spirits Industry.”

According to a Virginia Distillers Association press release, “Last week members of the Virginia Distillers Association (VDA) visited the State Capitol during their first Annual Legislative Day to thank their Senators and Delegates for their support of Senate Bill 1448 and House Bill 2029, which are identical bills designed to allow Virginia distilleries to sell bottles at events conducted for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about spirits. The bills have been ushered through the first-half of the General Assembly session with unanimous bipartisan support from the Senate and the House; and are proceeding into crossover this week for subsequent review. [...] House Bill 2029 Co-Patrons Delegates Kory and Freitas added in that they are ‘Proud to support entrepreneurial small businesses and encourage the growth of the Virginia spirits industry.’” [Virginia Distillers Association, [2/8/17](#)]

After HB 2029 Was Signed Into Law, The President Of The Virginia Distillers Association Said In A Statement, “The VDA Would Like To Thank Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegates Nick Freitas And Kaye Kory; The Patrons Of The Legislation, For Their Support Of Our Growing Industry.” According to the Virginia Distillers Association, “Last week, Governor Terry McAuliffe formally signed off on Senate Bill 1448 and House Bill 2029 which are identical bills presented by the Virginia Distillers Association (VDA); which will enable Virginia distilleries to sell bottles at events conducted for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about spirits effective July 1, 2017. VDA President and CEO of Virginia Distillery Company Gareth Moore said in a statement, ‘Virginia legislators are becoming much more enthusiastic and supportive of Virginia’s burgeoning craft spirits industry; this recent legislation is a success for expanding market access in partnership with Virginia ABC. The VDA would like to thank Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegates Nick Freitas and Kaye Kory; the patrons of the legislation, for their support of our growing industry.’” [Virginia Distillers Association, [2/27/17](#)]

2020: Freitas Voted Against Bipartisan Alcohol Licensing Changes Which Standardized License And Fee Structure

February 2020: HB 390 Was Introduced Which Simplified Alcohol Licensing Structure In Virginia. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 390. “Reorganizes all alcoholic beverage control licenses pursuant to the three-tier structure and license privileges, consolidates many licenses with common privileges, aligns license fee amounts with enforcement demands, and standardizes quantity limits on alcohol samples. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill on a 84-9 vote. The Governor approved the measure.[HB 390, House Floor Vote (final adoption) [2/26/20](#)]

Freitas Toed The Party Line And Was A Trump Loyalist Despite Reservations About Loyalty Pledges

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[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [4/29/20](#)]

The Breitbart Article That Freitas Linked To Mentioned Him As Of The Of The NRCC’s “Young Guns.” “House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) added 17 candidates on Monday to the National Republican Congressional Committee’s (NRCC) ‘Young Guns’ program to promote and field candidates to run for the House.” [Breitbart, [4/27/20](#)]



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Freitas Said That The Only Oath Of A U.S. Senator Was To The Constitution. ““But by the same token, a U.S. senator or any representative of the people we don’t sign a loyalty oath to a chief executive,’ he said. ‘Our oath is to the Constitution it’s to the principles which reinforce and protect people’s constitutional and God-given rights.’ Mr. Freitas has won support from a number of Republican state legislators, outside free-market-oriented groups including Americans for Prosperity, and Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who joined him at a rally over the weekend in Loudoun County.” [Washington Times, 6/11/18]

Freitas Emphasized That He Supported Trump’s Record On Taxes, Regulations, And Defense. “He says he likes what he has seen so far from Mr. Trump on taxes, regulations and national defense and that he plans to support the president’s efforts in all those areas.” [Washington Times, 6/11/18]

Corey Stewart Accused Freitas Of Being Insufficiently Loyal To Trump. “Republican voters will choose among three candidates to replace incumbent Sen. Tim Kaine, a former governor and vice presidential candidate now seeking a second term in the Senate. They are Corey Stewart, chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors; Nick Freitas, a state delegate; and E.W. Jackson, a minister. Stewart and Freitas amped up attacks on each other in the closing days of the race. Stewart is a die-hard supporter of President Donald Trump and has criticized Freitas as being insufficiently loyal to the president. Freitas has accused Stewart of showing poor judgment because of past associations with ‘hate mongers.’” [Free Lance-Star, 6/12/18]

...2020: Freitas Unflinchingly Supported Trump Said That In Spite Of Criticisms For His Incessant Tweeting, Trump Should Not “Get Off The Toilet”

Freitas Said That In Spite Of Criticisms For His Incessant Tweeting, Trump Should Not “Get Off The Toilet.” “Ya know every once in a while I’ll hear people say Donald Trump should get off the toilet. No he shouldn’t. No he shouldn’t. And the reason why is that... [unclear]... I want to have civil discourse. I do. I want to have civil discourse. I want it to be a deliberative process. But the main reason we don’t have civility in politics right now is not tone. Everyone thinks it’s tone. If we were just nicer.” [Orange, VA Speech, 2/8/20]

Freitas Compared Trump To George Washington

Freitas Praised George Washington For Willingly Giving Up Power After Two Terms. “FREITAS: ‘I look at George Washington, I think to myself, there’s the first President of the United States. There’s a victorious General of Yorktown, there’s the man that led that the Continental Army, there’s men that sacrificed and gave up a lot in order to fight and build this country. There’s the man that voluntarily surrendered power after a second term of the presidency.’” [Culpeper Republican Committee Reagan Dinner, 2/22/20]

Freitas Obliquely Compared Washington To Trump And Said That The 2020 Election Was The Country’s “Valley Forge Moment.” “FREITAS: ‘I have a print in my office of George Washington’s prayer at Valley Forge. [...] and I realized that in that moment when he was giving that prayer, he none of this, he was a general who had lost most of his battles. He was the head of an army that was disintegrating and starving to death at Valley Forge. His own Chief of Staff was working against him, Congress was working to replace him. And he went out and he prayed and he got up and became the man we all know. That’s where we’re at. Every generation has their Valley Forge moment, I believe this one is ours.’” [Culpeper Republican Committee Reagan Dinner, 2/22/20]

Freitas Said It’s Important To Have Term Limits And Peaceful Transitions Of Power. “...it’s not only important to protect access to elections but also the integrity of your elections. And it’s also important to have things like term limits, to have peaceful transitions of power because that’s not just a, a legal requirement, that’s really something you want baked into society. You want people to really rebel against this idea that any one person would hold power for such an extended period of time. And one of the best ways you can combat that is by coming up with processes both legally and culturally where we don’t reward politicians that constantly make it a career. You know, we want you to go there, do your term of service, then get back to, you know, the real life like the rest of us. And so that’s why I think we need to protect that within the United States.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:06:36, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Was Staunchly Opposed To Impeachment

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Freitas: “When You Impeach A President You Are Overturning An Election.” “You had an entire case based off of something that wasn’t criminal. And based almost entirely off of hearsay. This would never hold up

in a court of law. Now I understand with an impeachment process it doesn't have the same standards as law in order to engage in impeachment. But the reason why we hold it to high standards is because when you impeach a president you are overturning an election. You are overturning the will of the American people when they went to the ballot box, and they voted." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 56:20, [5/5/20](#)]

December 2019: Freitas Called Impeachment A "Political Stunt" And "Disgusting To Watch." Pelosi, Schiff, AOC, Spanberger, their entire caucus must be held accountable for continuing on with this political stunt by filing Articles of Impeachment. They couldn't win at the ballot box in '16 (and won't in '20) so this is their last resort. Disgusting to watch." [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]



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Freitas Sold Campaign Merchandise To Capitalize On Impeachment

Freitas Sold Mugs That Listed The Ingredients Of Impeachment As "Liberal Tears," "Fake News," And "Bull-Schiff." "A scoop of 'fake news,' a spoonful of 'liberal tears,' and a dash of 'Bull-Schiff.' Those are the ingredients printed on "impeachment mugs" sold by Virginia Del. Nick Freitas, a congressional candidate running against Rep. Abigail Spanberger in Virginia's 7th District. 'We started selling the mugs as a way to give supporters of Nick and supporters of our president a way to express how ridiculous this entire impeachment process has been,' campaign manager Joe Desilets told the Washington Examiner." [Washington Examiner, 12/19/19]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/17/19](#)]

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Freitas Was Joined At The Event By Tina Ramirez, Another Republican Candidate For VA-07. “Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, and Tina Ramirez, a candidate for the Republican nomination in Virginia’s 7th Congressional District, joined more than 50 people Friday for a pro-Trump protest and news conference outside the Glen Allen office of Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-7th. They said they are upset that Spanberger joined other members of Congress in support of an inquiry into whether impeachment hearings should be held.” [Daily Progress, [10/5/19](#)]

Freitas Claimed That He Was Invited To Speak By The “Trump Team In Virginia.” “Thank you to the Trump team in Virginia for inviting me to speak and call out the hypocrisy on display by Spanberger and the Democrats.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [10/4/19](#)]

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Freitas Was Bad For Virginia Women

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas Opposed Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment and workplace and equal pay protections for Virginia women.*
 - ✓ *Freitas voted against Virginia's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.*
 - ✓ *Freitas claimed that the ERA would eliminate women-owned small business programs.*
 - ✓ *Freitas opposed legislation prohibiting discrimination against women in the workplace due to pregnancy or childbirth.*
 - ✓ *Freitas opposed enforcing equal pay statutes*
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- ✓ *Freitas was vehemently opposed to abortion access and said that women needed to be "re-educated" on the issue.*
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2020: Freitas Voted Against Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment

January 2020: Freitas Voted Against Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment. In January 2020, Freitas voted against HJR 1. "Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that was proposed by Congress in 1972. The joint resolution advocates the position that the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment remains viable and may be ratified notwithstanding the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set out in the resolving clause, as amended, in the proposal adopted by Congress." The House adopted the measure by a vote of 59-41. The measure was agreed to by the Senate (consent of the Governor not required for adoption). [HJR 1, House Floor Vote (Adoption) [1/15/20](#)]

Freitas Questioned If The Equal Rights Amendment Would Eliminate "Women-Owned Small Business Programs" Because "They Discriminate Off Of Sex." "The Equal Rights Amendment was expected to be

another top issue. Democrats say their caucus unanimously supports ratifying the gender equality measure and have pledged to do so quickly.[...] Opponents held a press conference Wednesday morning where they warned ratification would lead to the rollback of abortion restrictions as well as a host of negative consequences for women. ‘Would our women-owned small business programs, would they go away since they discriminate based off of sex?’ said Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper. ‘These are legitimate questions that we keep asking.’” [NBC Washington, [1/9/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Legislation Outlawing Discrimination Against Women In The Workplace Due To Pregnancy Or Childbirth

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Outlawing Discrimination Against Women In The Workplace Due To Pregnancy Or Childbirth. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 827. “Requires employers, defined in the bill, to make reasonable accommodation for the known limitations of a person related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, if such accommodation is necessary to assist such person in performing a particular job, unless the employer can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer. The bill also prohibits employers from taking any adverse action against an employee who requests or uses a reasonable accommodation and from denying employment or promotion opportunities to an otherwise qualified applicant or employee because such employer will be required to make reasonable accommodation to the applicant or employee. The bill creates a cause of action against any employer who denies any of the rights afforded by the bill and permits the court or jury to award compensatory damages, back pay, and other equitable relief.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 59-38. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 827, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/3/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Opposed Developing Mechanisms To Enforce Equal Pay Statutes

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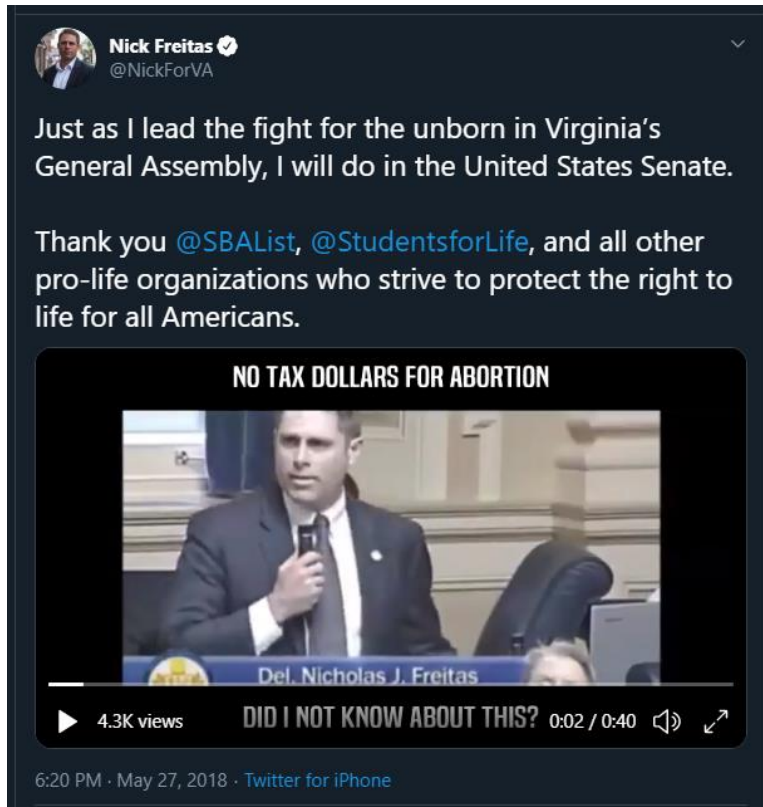
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Freitas Falsely Claimed That Virginia Governor Ralph Northam Supported Infanticide

January 2019: Freitas Claimed That Virginia Governor Ralph Northam Supported Infanticide. “When you thought it couldn’t get any worse...Gov Northam now seems to be defending infanticide.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [1/30/19](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [1/30/19](#)]

These Claims Were False. “Trump was talking about comments Northam made in late January, when he was asked during a filmed radio interview about an abortion bill before the Virginia House of Delegates. The governor’s comments were confusing, and some took them, at the time, as an endorsement of infanticide. But the governor has said that he was ‘absolutely not’ talking about infanticide — and in any case, the Virginia bill would certainly not allow doctors to ‘execute’ a baby after it’s born.” [Vox, [2/12/19](#)]

Freitas Mocked Northam And Called His Position “Shameful And Disgusting.” “No your excellency, what is “shameful and disgusting” is the policy position you endorsed. The fact that you have done so much for children and should know better, enhances the disgust, it doesn’t diminish it.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [1/31/19](#)]



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February 2020: Freitas Reiterated His False Claims Regarding Governor Northam. “Virginia Democrats claim that infanticide does not take place in Virginia. Yet last year Governor (and pediatric doctor) Ralph Northam went into horrific detail in describing how infanticide currently takes place in Virginia.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/13/20](#)]



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Freitas Said That There “Has To Be A Re-education” On Abortion Issues. “FREITAS: ‘But one of the things that is so important about this entire argument is to argue in a way that not only convinces all of us but convinces an entire generation that has been fed a lie about what pregnancy is about what it means about the family. We have young kids that think it’s just a clump of cells. Well, it’s just a clump of cells, what’s the problem? So there does have to be a re-education on that side. But one of the reasons why not only go the right way on life and carry later legislation on life. But then I also work with the crisis pregnancy centers and thrive and work with abortion survivors like our good friend Susan Cole Pepper and Jana Jessen, who goes all over the world talking about this issue is because quite frankly, we as the church have dropped the ball. If you say you’re pro-life, but then you’re not willing to come along with that young woman in crisis and help her out when she desperately needs it, we’re frauds.’” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Freitas Said That He Hopes People Will No Longer “Buys This Narrative That Abortion Equals Women’s Empowerment.” ”FREITAS: ‘I do think we’re going to see it within our lifetime, we’re going to see a generation that steps up and no longer buys this narrative that it’s just a clump of cells no longer buys this narrative that abortion equals women’s empowerment.’” [Henrico Town Hall, 2/19/20]

Freitas Did Admit That “I Have No Idea What It’s Like To Be A Young Woman In Crisis.” “FREITAS: ‘So it’s not just what we do as legislators. It’s what we do as people of faith that actually believe that this is a human being. And I’ve said this once, and I’ll say it before, I have no idea what it’s like to be a young woman in crisis at that point, but I do know what it’s like to be your son, because that was my mother’s situation. And so yes, I will fight for pro-life legislation. I will carry pro-life legislation, but then I will do the other thing that my faith commands me to do. And I will be there for young women when they need someone to speak in their life, provide them hope and ensure that there is a better way we don’t want to just save the child. We want to save the entire family.’” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Freitas Said That “If You’re Not Ready To Be A Daddy, Don’t Do Daddy Things.” ”FREITAS: ‘And the other thing I’ll say to the men in the room, and I’ve said this to young men a lot. I had to go speak at Boys State with the American Legion. If you’re not ready to be a daddy, don’t do daddy things. It really is that simple.’” [Henrico Town Hall, 2/19/20]

February 2020: Freitas Sponsored A “Born Alive” Bill In The Virginia House Of Delegates That Failed To Pass

Freitas’s “Born Alive Act” Did Not Advance In The State Assembly. “A locally-led state bill seeking to make abortion doctors criminally liable for not assisting babies born alive has failed. Sponsored by Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, House Bill 227 was left in the House Courts of Justice Committee last week and was not advanced before the cross-over deadline. The Born Alive Act would have required immediate medical attention at a hospital be given to babies surviving an abortion. Physicians failing to do so could have been found guilty of a class 4 felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. As anti-abortion activists gathered in Richmond Feb. 13 for the Walk for Life, Freitas spoke passionately on the house floor in support of the measure. He posted the video on his Twitter feed under the heading, ‘VA Democrats mock bill to protect abortion survivors.’ ‘The purpose of the Born Alive Act is to ensure that when a child is born under difficult circumstances, often times when they’re born as a result of a botched abortion, the medical care professionals in Virginia understand that we still expect them to do everything reasonable and within their power to save that child’s life,’ Freitas said. ‘I understand it is embarrassing for the abortion industry to admit that there is such a thing as abortion survivors ... Their embarrassment does not negate their existence.’” [Fredericksburg.com, [2/20/20](#)]

Freitas Said The Bill Would Come Back For Consideration “Until We Recognize That Every Child Has A Right To Medical Care Even If It’s The Result Of A Botched Abortion.” “Democrats said the Born Alive Act was not needed because it addresses infanticide, which is already illegal in Virginia. Freitas said that may be true and then repeated Gov. Ralph Northam’s controversial remarks last year regarding ‘having a discussion’ between the doctor and mother after a failed abortion. ‘You may get offended, but where is your offense on behalf of the child mentioned in this particular scenario? Do we not have an obligation to protect innocent human life, we would argue inside the womb, but don’t we all agree outside the womb?’ Freitas said in his floor speech. The local delegate said the bill would continue to come back ‘until we recognize that every child has a right to medical care even if it’s the result of a botched abortion.’” [Fredericksburg.com, [2/20/20](#)]

Freitas Attacked Democrats’ Support Of Planned Parenthood And Accused Its Founder Of Racism

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June 2018: Freitas Attacked Tim Kaine For Supporting Funding Of Planned Parenthood, But Did Not Explicitly State That He Would Support Defunding It. “While in the U.S. Senate, Tim Kaine has pledged to raise taxes, support government funding of Planned Parenthood, and support unnecessary spending. While in the Virginia House of Delegates, I have striven to lower taxes, defend our God-given rights, and cut government spending.” [Nick Freitas, [6/2/18](#)]

Freitas Attacked Planned Parenthood As Having Racist Roots

Freitas Described The Founder Of The Precursor To Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, As A Racist. “FREITAS: ‘The Democratic Party prides itself on being a voice for the voiceless. I have a real hard time buying that. Not just because of the history of the Democratic Party but some of the current people they’ve tried to prop up like Margaret Singer, who is a racist, a eugenicist, and founder of Planned Parenthood.’” [Henrico Town Hall, 2/19/20]



[Nick Freitas, [6/2/18](#)]

Freitas Was Bad For Civil Rights And Defended The Legacy Of White Supremacy

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas Opposed Bills To Prevent Racial Discrimination, Hate Crimes, And Enforcement Of Equal Pay Statutes.*
 - ✓ *In 2020, Freitas voted against extending protections against racial discrimination to include discrimination based upon one's natural hairstyle*
 - ✓ *Freitas opposed defining hate crimes to include racially motivated battery and home invasion.*
 - ✓ *Freitas opposed legislation to implement preclearance requirements for local changes to voting procedures that would help preserve the voting rights of minorities.*
 - ✓ *Freitas criticized the federal voting rights bill HR 1 as a "massive federal takeover."*
 - ✓ *Freitas supported allowing landlords to discriminate against rental applicants based on their source of income.*
 - ✓ *Such discrimination was usually targeted against those using housing vouchers including homeless veterans with disabilities and was a pretext to discriminate on the basis of race, sex, and disability.*
- ✓ *Freitas had a troubling history of violent rhetoric that was shared by far right groups.*
 - ✓ *Freitas wore a shirt that served as the unofficial uniform of the "Boogaloo" extremist movement at the height of media attention around the group.*
 - ✓ *In January 2020, three neo-Nazis were arrested ahead of a gun rally in Richmond that Freitas supported and spoke at.*
 - ✓ *Freitas said that he did not want neo-Nazis to come to the rally in Richmond.*
 - ✓ *Even after the arrests, credible threats caused Freitas' colleague in the House of Delegates to spend the day of the rally in a safe house and for the Governor to declare a state of emergency.*
- ✓ *Freitas defended monuments to the confederacy and its leaders, despite his earlier criticism of primary opponent Corey Stewart for connections with racists.*
 - ✓ *Freitas defended monuments to the Confederacy and opposed their removal, regardless of whether the decision was a local one.*
 - ✓ *Freitas defended the legacy of Robert E. Lee.*
 - ✓ *Freitas opposed removal of Virginia's statue of Lee in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, DC.*

✓ *Freitas was also concerned that removal of Confederate monuments would affect tourism to Virginia.*

Freitas Opposed Bills To Prevent Racial Discrimination, Hate Crimes, And Enforcement Of Equal Pay Statutes

2020: Freitas Voted Against Making Racial Discrimination Based On Hairstyles Illegal

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Making Racial Discrimination On The Basis Of One's Hairstyle Illegal. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1514. "Provides that the terms 'because of race' and 'on the basis of race,' and terms of similar import, when used in reference to discrimination in the Code of Virginia and acts of the General Assembly, include traits historically associated with race, including hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists." The House passed the measure by a vote of 72-25. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1514, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/4/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Expanding The Definition Of Hate Crimes To Include Battery And Home Invasion That Occurred Due To Victim's Race, Gender Identity, Or Sexual Orientation

Freitas Opposed Expanding The Definition Of Hate Crimes To Include Battery And Home Invasion That Occurred Due To Victim's Race, Gender Identity, Or Sexual Orientation. In February 2020, Freitas Voted Against HB 787. "Adds the following to the list of crimes that a multi-jurisdiction grand jury may investigate: (i) simple assault or assault and battery where the victim was intentionally selected because of his race, religious conviction, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, or national origin; (ii) entering the property of another for purposes of damaging such property or its contents or interfering with the rights of the owner, user, or occupant where such property was intentionally selected because of the race, religious conviction, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, or national origin of the owner, user, or occupant; and (iii) various offenses that tend to cause violence." The House passed the bill by a vote of 55-44. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 787, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/6/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Opposed Developing Mechanisms To Enforce Equal Pay Statutes

2020: Freitas Opposed Developing Mechanisms To Enforce Equal Pay Statutes. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 624. "Directs the Division of Human Rights of the Department of Law to develop recommendations regarding the type of information about businesses and their employees and the accompanying methodology that would be required for the Division to proactively enforce provisions of the Code of Virginia requiring equal pay of similarly situated employees irrespective of sex and race. The bill requires the Division to also develop recommendations regarding appropriate enforcement mechanisms, including causes of action and civil remedies, to address discrimination in compensation based on sex and race. In developing such recommendations, the bill directs the Division to engage stakeholders representing employers and employees in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Division to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2020." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 54-45. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 624, House Floor Vote (Adoption) [3/5/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Preclearance Requirements For Changes To Local Election Systems That Would Impact Minority Voting Rights

Freitas Opposed Preclearance Requirements For Changes To Local Election Systems That Would Impact Minority Voting Rights. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 761. "Requires the governing body of a covered jurisdiction, prior to enacting or seeking to administer any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or any standard, practice, or procedure with respect to voting, that is a covered practice, to either (i) institute an action

in the circuit court for the jurisdiction for a declaratory judgment that the covered practice neither has the purpose or effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color or membership in a language minority group nor will it result in the retrogression in the position of members of a racial or ethnic group with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise or (ii) submit such covered practice to the Office of the Attorney General for issuance of a certification that no objection exists to the enactment or administration by the covered jurisdiction of the covered practice. A covered practice cannot be given effect until the circuit court has entered such judgement or the Attorney General has issued such certification. The bill provides to a covered jurisdiction the right to appeal an objection by the Attorney General and to an aggrieved citizen the right to appeal the Attorney General's issuance of a certification of no objection. A "covered jurisdiction" is defined to mean any county, city, or town that is determined by the Attorney General to have a voting age population that contains two or more racial or ethnic groups, each constituting at least 20 percent of its voting age population. The bill also defines 'covered practice.'" The House adopted the bill by a vote of 58-40. The Senate insisted on an amendment. The House took no further action. [HB 761, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

The Bill's Author, Delegate Van Valkenburg, Wrote That HB 761 Would Reinstate Preclearance Requirements of Similar To Those Under The Voting Rights Act Of 1965 In Virginia.

"This is not a small problem: From 2010 to 2013, the last three years of federal preclearance, Virginia localities made more than 1,300 significant changes to voting methods, procedures, district lines and precincts — all of which required preclearance for discriminatory impact before they could go into effect. Unfortunately, no master list of changes since 2013 exists. But with no reason to worry about checking against the VRA standards, all evidence points to an acceleration of such discriminatory changes. [...] My Virginia Voting Rights Act will help Virginia take the lead on ensuring fair access to the polls by creating a state-level preclearance mechanism. Making sure Virginians have the right to vote isn't enough; we must also ensure localities do not act in a way that would deny them the rights we seek to expand. In her *Shelby* dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote, 'throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.' We are getting wet, and the storm is getting worse. Virginia, the birthplace of democracy, has a chance to take action this year and become a leader in restoring and amplifying a foundation of democracy: the right of all citizens to vote at the ballot box." [Washington Post, Van Valkenburg Opinion, [1/10/20](#)]

Freitas Criticized The Federal Voting Rights Bill HR 1 As A "Massive Federal Takeover"

Freitas Called HR 1, Which Rep. Spanberger Voted For, As "A Massive Federal Takeover Of Election Law."

"You see some of the bills passed out of the House and thankfully, you know, didn't make it through the Senate. You know, a lot of these have pretty sounding names like [...] The, the, again they called it 'the voting rights act.' What did it really do? Well it was a massive federal takeover of election law to include using taxpayer funds to actually fund political campaigns. So now the government's going to tax you, and then they're going to give a portion of it back but the only way you can use that money is by contributing it to a political campaign. I mean again, does anybody think this is a proper role of the federal government? Abigail Spanberger voted for it." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 40:22, [5/5/20](#)]

HR 1 Was "Aimed At Getting Money Out Of Politics [...] Increasing Transparency Around Donors... And Expanding Voting Rights."

"House Democrats officially passed their massive anti-corruption and pro-democracy reform bill known as HR 1 on Friday. The bill passed on a final vote of 234 to 193. The sweeping bill is aimed at getting money out of politics and increasing transparency around donors, cracking down on lobbying, and expanding voting rights for Americans by implementing provisions like automatic voter registration." [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

HR 1 Would Require Automatic Voter Registration, At Least 15 Days Of Early Voting, And Same-Day Voter Registration.

"Called the 'For the People Act,' HR 1 is a sweeping bill that contains nearly 600 pages of changes to laws aimed to make it easier to vote, increase election security and improve campaign finance transparency. [...] The new bill would require states to take several steps to make it easier for people to vote. It would require local election officials to do the following: Offer online voter registration; Establish automatic

voter registration; Allow voter registration on the day of a federal election; Allow voters to correct their registration information at the polls; Restore voting rights to felons after they leave prison; Offer at least 15 days of early voting; and, Follow new rules before purging voters from registration lists.” [Politifact, [2/8/19](#)]

HR 1 Would Require States To Implement A Nonpartisan Process To Draw Congressional Districts.

“Election law experts said that Congress is within its power to issue more directions to local officials. ‘It is true that the bill shifts more power to the federal government, such as by requiring states to use some kind of nonpartisan process for drawing congressional districts,’ said Rick Hasen, a professor of law and political science at the University of California. ‘But the Elections Clause in Article I of the Constitution specifically gives Congress the power to regulate federal elections, even over the objections of the states.’” [Politifact, [2/8/19](#)]

HR 1 Would Make Election Day A Holiday For Federal Employees And Encourage Private Businesses To Do The Same. “HR 1 covers three main planks: campaign finance reform, strengthening the government’s ethics laws, and expanding voting rights. Here’s the important part of each section, briefly explained. [...] Making Election Day a holiday for federal employees and encouraging private sector businesses to do the same, requiring poll workers to provide a week’s notice if poll sites are changed, and making colleges and universities voter registration agencies (in addition to the DMV, etc.), among other updates.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

HR 1 Would Create Voluntary 6-To-1 Match For Small Dollar Donations Up To \$200. “Establishing public financing of campaigns, powered by small donations. Under the vision of the bill’s main sponsor, Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), the federal government would provide a voluntary 6-1 match for candidates for president and Congress, which means for every dollar a candidate raises from small donations, the federal government would match it six times over. The maximum small donation that could be matched would be capped at \$200.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

Freitas Supported Landlords Discriminating Against Rental Applicants Based On Their Source Of Income

February 2020: Freitas Supported Landlords Discriminating Against Rental Applicants Based On Their Source Of Income. ““We had a bill the other day in the General Assembly, where we had a Democrat actually carry and it passed the house, where it said that a renter, so if you if you own four more properties, you could not discriminate against someone and that’s the terminology they use. You could not discriminate against someone based off of their source of income. So let me get this straight. I have to assume the risk of renting to someone already. And now you’re saying that I can’t use their source of income as a way to determine I understand that you have a district where people need to find housing, and what you’ve just told renters in your district, or we just saw people that actually have properties rent is sell your property and go somewhere else.” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Such Discrimination Was Usually Targeted Against Those Using Housing Vouchers Including Homeless Veterans With Disabilities. “A few years ago, Jill Williams, an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, received a special housing subsidy for U.S. veterans to help her pay for housing. Williams was homeless at the time and living in the Baltimore region of Maryland. Because of her honorable service to the United States, she was entitled to a VASH voucher—a kind of Section 8 or Housing Choice Voucher—made available to homeless veterans with disabilities. Williams took the voucher to landlord after landlord in Baltimore County—a jurisdiction that surrounds, but does not include, the city of Baltimore—seeking to rent an apartment. Williams, who has decent credit and no criminal history, was repeatedly turned away and told ‘we do not accept Section 8.’ She estimates that she visited over 20 landlords before quickly renting an apartment in a less desirable neighborhood because she was about to lose her time-limited voucher and, therefore, her only chance at housing. In her own words, ‘I was good enough to serve my country, but not good enough to live in your neighborhood.’ (J. Williams, ‘Discrimination Based on Source of Income in Baltimore County,’ B. Sun (Oct. 8, 2019).) The kind of housing discrimination Williams experienced is called ‘source of

income discrimination’ and refers to the practice of refusing to rent to a housing applicant because of that person’s lawful form of income.” [American Bar Association, [11/30/19](#)]

This Also Was A Pretext To Discriminate On The Basis Of Race, Sex, And Disability. “Often the denial of housing will serve as a pretext for a prohibited form of discrimination and disproportionately affects renters of color, women, and persons with disabilities. As a result, source of income (SOI) discrimination contributes to the perpetuation of racially segregated communities and neighborhoods with concentrated poverty.”

Freitas Had A Troubling History Of Violent Rhetoric That Was Shared By Far Right Groups

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[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/29/20](#)]

“Red Dawn” Focused On Armed Teenage Guerilla Fighters In The Aftermath Of A Soviet Invasion Of The United States. “Set at an indeterminate point in the future, this drama with an overt anti-communist message begins as an ostensible war movie: Russian and Cuban forces have invaded the U.S. and are viciously eliminating the inhabitants of a small town, when a group of teens escapes and plans a counterattack. [...] After a successful ambush, the teen guerrillas gear up for future forays, when they are suddenly betrayed by one of their number and by doubts about the morality of what they are doing.” [Rotten Tomatoes, accessed [6/11/20](#)]

Freitas Referenced The Flag Of Virginia When Discussing Gun Control, Implying Violence If The Virginia Government Continued To “Do Tyrant Stuff”

Freitas Referenced The Flag Of Virginia When Discussing Gun Control, Implying Violence If The Virginia Government Continued To “Do Tyrant Stuff.” “FREITAS: ‘You know, it’s fascinating to me because if you look at US history, and specifically Virginia history, there’s a lot that the American people put up with from the legislators and from their government, but when you come for our guns, that’s when we start getting very, very irritated. When you have a state flag with a dead tyrant on the ground, that’s our way of telling you, don’t do tyrant stuff.’ [STRONG AUDIENCE APPLAUSE].” [Culpeper Republican Committee Reagan Dinner, 2/22/20]

Freitas: The Second Amendment Is “There So That People Can Actually Defend Themselves And So That They Can Actually Fight Back Against Tyranny.” “So it’s not just about legislation. It is about fostering a culture that respects our second amendment rights and truly understands the reason why it’s there in the first place. Because it’s not there for hunting. It’s not there for gun collecting. It’s there so that people can actually defend themselves and so that they can actually fight back against tyranny, whether that tyranny comes from a criminal organization or whether that tyranny comes from, you know, a foreign threat or a government. And so get them comfortable with it. Because this is not just a legislative battle, it is a cultural one.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:14:10, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Wore A Shirt Connected To The Extremist “Boogaloo” Movement That Sought To Ignite A Race War, But Denied Any Connection With The Extremist Faction

June 2020: Freitas Appeared On A Right-Wing Podcast Wearing A Hawaiian Shirt

6/3/20: Freitas Appeared On The Right-Wing Podcast “Liberty Pub” Wearing A Hawaiian Shirt. “FREITAS: Well, first of all, I feel obligated to defend my fashion sense. I have not been able to wear a Hawaiian shirt for like months now, so I will not apologize.” [Free The People, YouTube, 42:10, [6/3/20](#)]



Mid-2020: The “Boogaloo” Movement Rose To Prominence And Was Strongly Associated With Hawaiian Shirts

The Boogaloo Movement, Whose Name Derives From A 1980s Film, Advocates For Targeted Violence And Civil War To Defeat Liberalism. “An anti-government movement that advocates for a violent uprising targeting liberal political opponents and law enforcement has moved from the fringes of the internet into the mainstream and surged on social media in recent months, according to a group of researchers that tracks hate groups. The movement, which says it wants a second Civil War organized around the term ‘boogaloo,’ includes groups on mainstream internet platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Reddit, as well as fringe websites including 4chan, according to a report released Tuesday night by the Network Contagion Research Institute (NCRI), an independent nonprofit of scientists and engineers that tracks and reports on misinformation and hate speech across social media. [...] The current boogaloo movement was first noticed by extremism researchers in 2019, when fringe groups from gun rights and militia movements to white supremacists began referring to an impending civil war using the word ‘boogaloo,’ a joking reference to “Breakin’ 2: Electric Boogaloo,’ a 1984 sequel movie about breakdancing.” [NBC News, [6/30/20](#)]

The Hawaiian Shirt Was The Unofficial Uniform Of The Boogaloo Movement. “The nationwide protests over police brutality and the killing of George Floyd have attracted attention from some members of an extremist online subculture: the so-called “boogaloo” movement. Believers in boogaloo ideology — a focus on visible gun ownership, with some advocating for a violent civil war against the federal government — have shown up to protests in Minneapolis, Las Vegas, and other cities, sometimes wearing Hawaiian shirts (based on a movement in-joke) and carrying large guns.” [Vox, [6/8/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Men Wearing Hawaiian Shirts And Carrying Guns Add A Volatile New Element To Protests. [Washington Post, [6/4/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Why Some Protesters In America Wear Hawaiian Shirts. [The Economist, [5/23/20](#)]



[The Economist, [5/23/20](#)]

HEADLINE: ‘Boogaloo Boys’ Prepare For Next American Civil War In Hawaiian Shirts. [The Times (London, UK) [5/16/20](#)]

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June 2020: A Man With Ties To The Movement Was Charged With The Murder Of A Santa Cruz, CA Sheriff’s Deputy. “Steven Carrillo, a California man who was charged with murder after he ambushed two Santa Cruz County deputies, scrawled phrases tied to an online far-right extremist movement in blood on a car shortly before he was detained. Carrillo killed Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller, critically injured another deputy and threw pipe bombs at police on June 6th, Santa Cruz District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell alleged on Thursday. Before he was apprehended, Carrillo scrawled the word ‘boog’ and ‘I became unreasonable’ in blood on the hood of a car. ‘Boog’ is short for boogaloo, a far-right anti-government movement that began on the extremist site 4chan and aims to start a second American civil war.” [NBC News, [6/30/20](#)]

January 2020: The FBI Arrested Three Suspected Neo-Nazis Ahead Of A Gun Rally In Richmond That Freitas Attended And Addressed

January 2020: Gov. Northam Issued An Emergency Declaration Ahead Of A Richmond Gun Rally On Martin Luther King Day Based On Credible Threats From Extremist Groups. “Bracing for the possibility of violence ahead of a rally to protest efforts to enact sweeping new gun control measures in Virginia, Gov. Ralph Northam on Wednesday declared a state of emergency and announced a temporary ban on weapons on the grounds of the State Capitol. Thousands of protesters are expected to converge in Richmond on Monday to oppose a series of proposed restrictions on gun purchases expected to be taken up in the coming weeks by the Virginia Legislature, where Democrats control both chambers and the governor’s office for the first time in a generation. The governor said on Twitter that the authorities had identified credible ‘threats of violence,’ including from out-of-state militia groups and hate groups that planned disruptions. He said the authorities had also found extremist rhetoric online similar to what had been seen in 2017 before the Charlottesville rally, when white nationalists and counterprotesters clashed in a deadly fight over the removal of Confederate monuments.” [New York Times, [1/17/20](#)]

Three Suspected Neo-Nazis Were Arrested Ahead Of The Rally. “Members of numerous armed militias and white power proponents vowed to converge on the city despite the state of emergency declared by Gov. Ralph Northam, who temporarily banned weapons from the grounds of the State Capitol. The potential for an armed confrontation prompted fears of a rerun of the 2017 far-right rally that left one person dead and some two dozen injured in Charlottesville, about an hour’s drive from Monday’s rally. The unease increased after the F.B.I. announced the arrest on Thursday of three armed men suspected of being members of a neo-Nazi hate group, including a former Canadian Army reservist, who had obtained weapons and discussed participating in the Richmond rally. The men were linked to the Base, a group that aims to create a white ethnostate, according to the F.B.I. For weeks, discussions about the rally have lit up Facebook pages and chat rooms frequented by militia members and white supremacists. Various extremist organizations or their adherents are calling Monday’s rally the ‘boogaloo’ In the lexicon of white supremacists, that is an event that will accelerate the race war they have anticipated for decades.” [New York Times, [1/16/20](#)]

Freitas Attended And Addressed The Rally, While Also Promoting Conspiracy Theories Regarding Jeffrey Epstein. “The rally’s official program included about an hour of speeches on Capitol Square from elected state officials and other gun-rights supporters before demonstrators filed out peacefully into the streets. Many thanked police on the way out. Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, a congressional candidate seeking the GOP nomination to challenge U.S. Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-Henrico, thanked the crowd for showing up despite the spread of information meant to ‘scare’ and ‘intimidate’ rallygoers. ‘The next time they tell you that the government is responsible for your security, just remind them that it was the government that was protecting Jeffrey Epstein. Who, by the way, didn’t kill himself,’ Freitas said, closing his speech with a reference to the high profile financier who was facing charges of sexually abusing dozens of women and girls

when he died in his cell last year under mysterious circumstances. The death was ruled a suicide.” [NBC 12, [1/20/20](#)]

1/20/20: Freitas Speaking In Richmond. [Mic.com, [1/20/20](#)]



[Mic.com, [1/20/20](#)]



[Newsweek, [1/28/20](#)]

February 2020: Freitas Said That “I Am Really Comfortable With Violence Under The Right Circumstances”

Freitas Said That “I Am Really Comfortable With Violence Under The Right Circumstances. “FREITAS: ‘I said The primary difference between my approach and your approach is you’re a lot more comfortable with violence against innocent people than I am. ‘She looked at me She goes, What do you mean by that?’ I said, I know, right? Because I’m a former Green Beret, I’m actually really comfortable with violence under the right circumstances.’” [Kindred Spirit Brewing Meet and Greet, 2/11/20]

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At The Same Time, Freitas Said That Governor Ralph Northam Was Using Neo-Nazis To Paint Gun Groups As Extremists. “O’CONNOR: ‘The Nazis confiscated the people’s guns. Okay, so I’m sorry, a neo Nazi has nothing to do with people who embrace the Second Amendment. But I had real fast Nick greatest, do

you think that's partly the governor's play here that he's trying to associate The Virginians who are who are just, you know, Liberty loving Virginians who respect our constitution and want to exercise your second amendment and basically say, See, all these people are just like these neo Nazis that just got arrested?' FREITAS: 'You know, unfortunately, yes. And one year ago, two years ago, I probably would have made that statement. But when you look at the sort of comments that have come out of congressman Donald's and make each and when you look at the sort of comments that have come out of delegate, Mark Levine, and yes even this governor, what I see more and more is this open hostility to anybody that has any sort of opposition to the governor, the governor's anti-gun agenda, the Democrats anti-gun agenda.'" [Nick Freitas, Larry O'Connor Show, 1/16/20]

January 2020: Freitas Called Governor Northam's Emergency Declaration Ahead Of A Gun Rally In Richmond An Attempt To "Make It Into Another Charlottesville Scenario"

Freitas Claimed That Gov. Northam's Actions Ahead Of A Gun Rally In Richmond Were Predicated On Potential Infiltration By Extremist Groups. "MANESS: 'But do you think your governor was just a little bit disingenuous by trying to claim he had intelligence that showed a credible threat? I didn't see anything that he ever released any factual information on that?' FREITAS: 'He did it. I mean, I will say that, you know, some of us were also privy to some of the briefings, the god the security briefings, and they did have some concerns about groups coming in. What was fascinating is that their concerns were not about Second Amendment rights advocates. It was actually about other groups that would have potentially come in and tried to hijack this rally for their own purposes.'" [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

Freitas Further Claimed That Extremist Groups Did Not And Were Not Able To Infiltrate The Rally. "FREITAS: 'It was actually about other groups that would have potentially come in and tried to hijack this rally for their own purposes. And what we saw is they didn't do that. They weren't able to do that. And so You know, it was I think the tone that the governor struck was problematic because it wasn't he wasn't just saying that there's other threat, [that] there's credible threats or people that could come in and hijack this.'" [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

Freitas Said Northam Was Trying To "Make It Into Another Charlottesville Scenario" And Give Himself Carte Blanche To Arrest Whomever Attended. "He was trying to make it into another Charlottesville scenario, or he was trying to make it into a scenario where anybody that was showing up was a potential threat, or potentially a part of one of these outside groups that had nothing to do with the Second Amendment. And I think a lot of citizens are getting tired of being branded with, again, these ad hominem attacks coming from the administration and other democrat policymakers. And again, the best way to prove them wrong is to show up peacefully assemble, show up with again, most peacefully, professionally with resolve, and that's what they did. And so, and nobody's gonna be allowed to take the narrative away from good citizens who showed up to again protest the usurpation of the rights." [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

Gov. Northam Had Issued An Emergency Declaration Based On Credible Threats From Extremist Groups. "Bracing for the possibility of violence ahead of a rally to protest efforts to enact sweeping new gun control measures in Virginia, Gov. Ralph Northam on Wednesday declared a state of emergency and announced a temporary ban on weapons on the grounds of the State Capitol. Thousands of protesters are expected to converge in Richmond on Monday to oppose a series of proposed restrictions on gun purchases expected to be taken up in the coming weeks by the Virginia Legislature, where Democrats control both chambers and the governor's office for the first time in a generation. The governor said on Twitter that the authorities had identified credible 'threats of violence,' including from out-of-state militia groups and hate groups that planned disruptions. He said the authorities had also found extremist rhetoric online similar to what had been seen in 2017 before the Charlottesville rally, when white nationalists and counterprotesters clashed in a deadly fight over the removal of Confederate monuments." [New York Times, [1/17/20](#)]

Freitas Called Gun Advocacy A “Civil Rights Issue” And Invoked Martin Luther King, Jr. In The Gun Regulation Debate

Freitas Mentioned That Martin Luther King, Jr. Once Applied For A Concealed Carry Permit In Alabama While Defending His Presence At A Gun Rally On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day... “And I think we also need to understand because he was he was also trying to suggest that people had inappropriately done this on Martin Luther King day. Martin Luther King applied for a concealed carry permit and had a hard time getting an Alabama because it was in Jim Crow state where they were deliberately trying to suppress people’s Second Amendment rights because they didn’t want black Americans to be able to defend themselves. And that’s important. And like you said earlier, this isn’t just a gun issue. This is a civil rights issue.” [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

But Neglected To Mention That Dr. King Later Gave Up The One Gun He Owned And Fully Embraced Pacifism. “In 1956, after his house was bombed, Dr. King applied to the local sheriff for a permit to carry a concealed handgun. He was denied on the grounds that he was ‘unsuitable,’ according to Adam Winkler, the author of ‘Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America.’ Friends and relatives who feared for his safety urged him to hire a bodyguard and armed watchmen, he wrote in his autobiography. But soon, he and Coretta Scott King, his wife, reconsidered and gave up the one gun they owned. ‘How could I serve as one of the leaders of a nonviolent movement and at the same time use weapons of violence for my personal protection?’ he wrote.” [New York Times, [4/3/18](#)]

Freitas Said That Dr. King Would Have Been Proud Of The Gun Rally In Richmond. “FREITAS: ‘So I think Martin Luther King would have been proud of the fact that there was 10s of thousands of citizens showing up and peacefully protesting, and again, petitioning the government for a redress of grievances, right, exercising their first amendment rights, and doing it boldly and unapologetically, but again, peaceably. So we need to continue to do this. And this isn’t something that stops on Mondays rally that we just had. This is something that has to continue going forward because again, it’s not just an assault on our state.’” [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

Freitas Defended Monuments To The Confederacy And Its Leaders, Despite His Earlier Criticism Of Primary Opponent Corey Stewart For Connections With Racists

March 2020: Freitas Opposed Allowing Localities To Decide Whether To Remove Or Contextualize Monuments

March 2020: Freitas Opposed Allowing Localities To Decide Whether To Remove Or Contextualize Monuments. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1537. “Provides that a locality may remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover any monument or memorial for war veterans on the locality’s public property, not including a monument or memorial located in a publicly owned cemetery, regardless of when the monument or memorial was erected, and removes certain criminal and civil penalties. Current law makes it unlawful to disturb or interfere with such monuments or memorials or to prevent citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of such monuments or memorials. Prior to removing, relocating, contextualizing, or covering any such publicly owned monument or memorial, the local governing body shall publish notice of such intent in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality. The notice shall specify the time and place of a public hearing at which interested persons may present their views, not less than 30 days after publication of the notice. After the completion of the hearing, the governing body may vote whether to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover the monument or memorial. If the governing body votes to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover the monument or memorial, the local governing body shall first, for a period of 30 days, offer the monument or memorial for relocation and placement to any museum, historical society, government, or military battlefield. The local governing body shall have sole authority to determine the final disposition of the monument or memorial. The bill authorizes the local governing body to call for an advisory referendum prior to voting on such motion. The bill repeals an 1890 act of assembly related to the placement of a statue in the City of Alexandria and does not apply to a monument or memorial located on the property of a public institution of higher

education within the City of Lexington. The bill also provides that the Board of Historic Resources shall promulgate regulations governing the manner in which any monument or memorial may be contextualized.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 52-43. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1537, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption, [3/7/20](#))]

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Commission To Determine Whether To Remove Virginia’s Statue Of Robert E. Lee In The National Statuary Hall

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Commission To Determine Whether To Remove Virginia’s Statue Of Robert E. Lee In The National Statuary Hall. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 612. “Creates the Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol to determine whether the Robert E. Lee statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States Capitol should be replaced and, if so, to recommend to the General Assembly as a replacement a statue of a prominent Virginia citizen of historic renown or renowned for distinguished civil or military service to be commemorated in the National Statuary Hall Collection.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 52-44. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 612, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Freitas Was Concerned About The Message That Tearing Down Confederate Monuments Would Send And Defended Confederate Soldiers As “American Veterans”

Freitas On Removing Confederate Monuments: “What Kind Of Message Does That Send.” “But it’s about also understanding that we’re talking about people that were living in a context were living in different times, were usually living under bad... hard circumstances, they were fighting wars, they were American veterans, and now we’re just gonna start tearing that down and what kind of message does that send.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 49:14, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas “It’s Not That We’re Condoning Everything That Somebody That Has Been Memorialized Has Done” “It was somewhat heartbreaking to be down there and just saying, look we’re not, it’s not that we’re condoning everything that somebody that has been memorialized has done, did or didn’t do. [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 49:02, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas: “If We’re Going To Memorialize One Side Of History, Well Then We Also Need To Give Some Attention To The Other Side Of That History As Well.” “I think it’s perfectly fine for us to have an open and honest discussion. I think it’s perfectly fine for us to say, look, if we’re going to memorialize one side of history, well then we also need to give some attention to the other side of that history as well. I think all of that is fine.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 50:03, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Defended Confederate General Robert E. Lee, Its Most Important Military Leader

Freitas Defended The Legacy Of Confederate General Robert E. Lee While Asking To Recognize The ‘Multiple Perspectives Of History.’ “Delegate Quinn from Richmond got up and said, well fine, if we’re not going to remove the statues, can we at least be honest about the multiple perspectives of history? My answer to that is yes, we can absolutely be honest about the multiple perspectives of history. But one of the things that’s frustrating to me especially when we when we look at like the Robert E Lee’s statue, I fully recognize that for some people, when they look at that statue, it conjures up feelings of pain and oppression. But when you actually look at the history of someone like Robert E Lee, this was someone that he inherited slaves. And then when he inherited them, he immediately freed them in the middle of the Civil War. He was someone that stood up to a lot of his white friends in churches, because he really believed it was important for the country to move on and he believed that was important. He thought slavery was an abomination. And all I would ask is, is that as we’re going through this process now, where people are removing these statues that we would at least take the time to not paint everyone with such a broad brush to actually look at context, because that is so important.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 9:41, [6/9/20](#)]

Freitas Defended Robert E Lee Owing Slaves Because He Inherited Them. "When you actually look at the history of someone like Robert E Lee, this was someone that he inherited slaves. And then when he inherited them, he immediately freed them in the middle of the Civil War. He was someone that stood up to a lot of his white friends in churches, because he really believed it was important for the country to move on and he believed that was important." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 10:10, [6/9/20](#)]

Wesley Norris, Formerly An Enslaved Man On Lee's Plantation, Described The Horrors Of Life As One Of The Lee Family's Slaves. "My name is [Wesley Norris](#); I was born a slave on the plantation of George Parke Custis; after the death of Mr. Custis, Gen. Lee, who had been made executor of the estate, assumed control of the slaves, in number about seventy [...] I remained with Gen. Lee for about seventeen months, when [my sister Mary](#), a cousin of ours, and I determined to run away, which we did in the year 1859; we had already reached Westminster, in Maryland, on our way to the North, when we were apprehended and thrown into prison, and Gen. Lee notified of our arrest; we remained in prison fifteen days, when we were sent back to Arlington; we were immediately taken before Gen. Lee, who demanded the reason why we ran away; we frankly told him that we considered ourselves free; he then told us he would teach us a lesson we never would forget; he then ordered us to the barn, where, in his presence, we were tied firmly to posts by a Mr. Gwin, our overseer, who was ordered by Gen. Lee to strip us to the waist and give us fifty lashes each, excepting my sister, who received but twenty; we were accordingly stripped to the skin by the overseer, who, however, had sufficient humanity to decline whipping us; accordingly Dick Williams, a county constable, was called in, who gave us the number of lashes ordered; Gen. Lee, in the meantime, stood by, and frequently enjoined Williams to lay it on well, an injunction which he did not fail to heed; not satisfied with simply lacerating our naked flesh, Gen. Lee then ordered the overseer to thoroughly wash our backs with brine, which was done." [National Anti-Slavery Standard (via FairUse.org), [4/14/1866](#)]

Freitas Also Neglected To Mention That Robert E. Lee Betrayed The United States Of America. "On this day in 1861, Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the U.S. Army when his native Virginia succeeded from the Union. During the ensuing Civil War, Lee initially served as a senior military adviser to Jefferson Davis, the Confederate president." [Politico, [4/20/12](#)]

Freitas Worried About The Impact Of Removing Confederate Monuments To Tourism

Freitas On Legislation To Remove Monuments: "I Thought It Was Going To Do A Lot More Damage, Especially When You Consider In Virginia, Our Number Two Industry After Agriculture, Is Tourism." "I voted against that legislation. I thought it was... I didn't think it was actually going to achieve the objections that they wanted. And I thought it was going to do a lot more damage, especially when you consider in Virginia, our number two industry after agriculture, is tourism. People come to Virginia to be able to see where this country was started, where some of the greatest battles during the civil war were, were fought. And, and we want that part of our tradition to be properly understood and properly and fairly taught. But I don't think you do that by tearing down monuments, I think you do that by lifting up, our history, and actually explaining it in proper context and from multiple perspectives." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 50:46, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Accused Democrats Of Wanting To Tear Down Any Monument For Any Reason. "We had several bills this year that had to do with tearing down certain monuments. And if you look at the way the legislation was written by the Democrats they wanted to give full local control to essentially tear down any monument they wanted, for essentially any reason that they wanted. And it was... It was somewhat heartbreaking to be down there and just saying, look we're not, it's not that we're condoning everything that somebody that has been memorialized has done, did or didn't do." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 48:43, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Said That Those Who Supported Removing Monuments To The Confederacy And Its Leaders Were Driven By “A Fundamental Dislike Of America”

Freitas Characterized Those Who Wanted To Take Down Confederate Monuments As Being Driven By A “Fundamental Dislike Of America.” ”FREITAS: “My question is what is your end state? What is your true end state? I’d love for them to be honest about that because I’m no longer buying that, that this is just, that this is about healing. I’m not buying that. I think they have a larger agenda. I think it goes toward a fundamental dislike of America, [John Fredericks Show, 13:53, [6/12/20](#)]

Freitas Said That Motivation Behind Removing Monuments To The Confederacy Was About “Perpetuating Grievance.” “FREITAS: It’s not about solving problems. It’s about perpetuating grievance. [...] Democrats have their power wrapped up in perpetuating grievance, not solving problems.” [John Fredericks Show, 15:54, [6/12/20](#)]

2018: Freitas Called On Corey Stewart To Disavow His Ties With White Supremacists

Freitas Called On Stewart To Disavow His Ties With White Supremacists. “A primary opponent of Virginia U.S. Senate candidate Corey Stewart is questioning the sincerity of his disavowal of ties to white supremacists. Stewart, who is vying for the Republican nomination to unseat incumbent Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine, has retained a political consultant with deep ties to the far right. ‘Due to the pattern and frequency of the relationships, I think he owes us an unequivocal and specific denunciation,’ said Nick Freitas, a House of Delegates member also vying for the GOP nomination, when asked whether Stewart’s denunciation was genuine. Consultant Noel Fritsch, who works for Stewart as a spokesman, was a political consultant for far-right commentator Paul Nehlen, a conspiracy theorist running to take House Speaker Paul Ryan’s seat in Wisconsin’s First Congressional District known for his anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim comments.” [Washington Examiner, 6/7/18]

Stewart Accused Freitas Of Using “Leftist Tactics.” “Freitas told the Washington Post. ‘This isn’t him getting caught in a picture with somebody. This is him proactively associating himself with these people.’ Stewart later responded, ‘It’s sad to see establishment Republicans using leftists tactics of CNN — labeling rule-of-law conservatives racists and bigots — to advance the very same open-border, pro-amnesty agenda the Left wants here in Virginia.’” [Washington Examiner, 6/7/18]

Freitas Stated That He Didn’t Believe Stewart Himself Was Racist, But Had Shown “Horrible Judgment” In Associating With Paul Nehlen. “Last week, a video from early 2017 surfaced in which Mr. Stewart appeared with Paul Nehlen, a past Republican primary challenger to Speaker Paul D. Ryan, and called Mr. Nehlen “one of my personal heroes.’ Since that time, Mr. Nehlen has come under fire for anti-Semitic and racially charged writings and comments online and was ultimately banned from Twitter in February after he posted a racially tinged attack on Meghan Markle, now the British Duchess of Sussex. Mr. Freitas, who has also pressed Mr. Stewart on his connections to Jason Kessler, one of the organizers of the ‘Unite the Right’ rally in Charlottesville in August, said he doesn’t believe his opponent is racist but has shown ‘horrible judgment’ and that Democrats will try to paint Republicans as bigoted if Mr. Stewart is ultimately the nominee.” [Washington Times, 6/11/18]

Freitas Accused Stewart Of Freely Associating With Anti-Semites And Holocaust Deniers. “But in the fundraising email, Freitas, a former Green Beret, unloads, saying that before he faces Kaine, it’s his duty to “call out and defeat those who promote the shredding of our shared American values.” Freitas singled out: In January 2017, Stewart recorded a video with Paul Nehlen, a right-wing politician in Wisconsin who lost badly in a 2016 GOP primary to House Speaker Paul Ryan. Stewart said Nehlen was ‘one of my personal heroes.’ “Paul Nehlen is an avowed Holocaust denier, anti-Semite, and vicious racist,’ Freitas wrote. Stewart in February 2017, as a candidate for governor, appeared at an anti-immigration event in Charlottesville with Jason Kessler, who later coordinated a rally with torches in May at the statue of Robert E. Lee and in August coordinated the “Unite the Right” rally that was premised on protecting the Lee statue and turned deadly. [...] ‘Corey Stewart raised Jason’s profile, shared his platform with him, and after the torch rally, refused to denounce his activities,’ Freitas wrote. ‘Even after the ‘Unite the Right’ Rally, Corey Stewart refused to say a word about his former campaign

compatriot.’ The Freitas campaign issued a news release Wednesday saying he would be holding a news conference in Richmond on Thursday, but issued a second release saying it had been canceled.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 6/7/18]

Freitas Did Not Take His Job As A Legislator Seriously

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas failed to file paperwork properly in multiple elections.*
- ✓ *In 2019, Freitas ran for reelection to the House of Delegates and failed to file required paperwork with the state on time, which forced him to run as a write-in candidate in the general election.*
- ✓ *Freitas continued to receive backing from the state GOP and Freitas ultimately won reelection.*
- ✓ *In June 2020, Freitas again failed to file required paperwork to appear on the general election ballot.*
 - ✓ *Freitas took responsibility but also stated that the campaign staffer responsible had resigned.*
 - ✓ *An opinion piece in a Culpeper, VA newspaper excoriated Freitas as incompetent in response.*
- ✓ *In February 2020, Freitas used campaign funds for a private jet company and likely skipped a day of votes to jet off to an unknown location*
 - ✓ *Freitas campaign spent over \$10,000 for the services of the private jet firm.*

Freitas Failed To File Paperwork For Multiple Elections

2019: Freitas Failed To File Required Paperwork To Appear On The General Election Ballot And Was Forced To Run As A Write In Candidate

July 2019: Freitas Failed To File Paperwork To Run In The 2019 House Of Delegates Election On Time

July 2019: Freitas Failed To File Paperwork To Run In The 2019 House Of Delegates Election On Time. “But political errors are always nonpartisan, so it was inevitable Virginia Republicans would stumble over something on their way to Election Day. For a while, it seemed the bizarre ousting of 97th District Del. Chris Peace would take top honors. But it appears the 30th House District and its on-again off-again delegate, Nick Freitas, is coming up fast along the rail. For those who haven’t followed the Freitas campaign, it begins with a paperwork stumble that threatened to keep the incumbent off the ballot. That stumble turned out to include a head-over-heels tumble when it became clear Freitas failed to file additional paperwork.” [Washington Post, 7/25/19]

Freitas Initially Withdrew His Candidacy, But Then Backtracked. “Then Freitas withdrew his candidacy, seeming to leave the GOP-friendly district with only a Democrat, Ann Ridgeway, on the November ballot. Team Freitas and the local GOP committee are trying again, declaring that he is running and could he please be on the ballot now? The State Board of Elections must now decide whether any of this is allowed - and, eventually, a judge may have to settle the matter. No matter. If all goes against him, Team Freitas is perfectly willing to fritter away huge amounts of money running a write-in campaign for the part-time job.” [Washington Post, 7/25/19]

Due To His Filing Errors, Freitas Was Ultimately Forced To Run As A Write-In Candidate

State Election Officials Said That Local GOP Had Never Submitted Required Documentation That Freitas Was The Nominee For The House Of Delegates’ 30th District. “Freitas, who narrowly lost his party’s U.S.

Senate nomination last year to Corey Stewart, did not face a Republican primary challenge this year. But state election officials said his local Republican legislative committee never submitted a required form indicating Freitas was the party's nominee. The state said another form, which Freitas personally should have filed, was also missing. Freitas's largely rural district, which includes Madison, Orange and Culpeper counties, has been reliably red territory, where President Trump beat Hillary Clinton 61 percent to 34 percent in 2016. Running as a write-in would pose a significant hurdle in a pivotal election year." [Washington Post, 7/26/19]

The GOP Chairman For The 30th District Claimed That The Nomination Paperwork Was Emailed To The State Officials, But Had Sent It To An Outdated Address. "Bruce Kay, chairman of the GOP's 30th legislative district, said he emailed the nomination form to the state, but sent it to an outdated email address. 'It wasn't kicked back to me to my knowledge,' Kay said. Kay could not provide evidence that he sent the email, saying he had a problem with his computer that caused two years of email to be lost. As for the form Freitas should have submitted, Kay said the state normally would have sent a reminder to the candidate, but since the first form was not received, that did not happen." [Washington Post, 7/26/19]

Virginia Election Officials Ultimately Denied Freitas' Request That He Be Placed On The November Ballot. "State elections officials have denied a belated request to put Del. Nicholas J. Freitas on the November ballot, a decision that could force the Culpeper Republican to run as a write-in candidate in a year when the GOP cannot afford to lose any seats. Freitas blasted the decision by the state Department of Elections, vowing to appeal to the state Board of Elections or, if that fails, to run as a write-in candidate. 'I am not about to allow a Department in Richmond to disenfranchise the voters of the 30th District by denying the same ballot access they have granted to other candidates,' he said in a statement. 'If that means mounting a successful write-in campaign in order to give the voters an option, then that is exactly what we will do.' Freitas, considered one of the party's rising stars, did not face a Republican primary challenger this year. But the elections department said it did not receive paperwork related to his candidacy on time. Freitas briefly bowed out of the race in July in a tactical move that paved the way for local Republicans to designate him as a replacement candidate - something that is allowed when a nominee drops out or dies." [Washington Post, 7/31/19]

The Virginia GOP Backed Freitas' Write-In Campaign Despite Accusations Of Bias

A Former Freitas Aide Angrily Accused The State GOP Of Not Supporting Freitas In The Aftermath Of The Write-In Debacle. "As Freitas considered how to get his name on the ballot, rifts with party leaders opened in public. A former Freitas aide tangled on Facebook with House Majority Leader Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah), accusing GOP leaders of not supporting Freitas. 'Oh YOU must be the mastermind behind the scenes who would rather run a write-in campaign than try to get a Republican on the ballot in an otherwise safe district when control of the state government is at stake,' Gilbert shot back. 'Shame on me?'" [Washington Post, [10/23/19](#)]

The Virginia GOP Publicly Backed Freitas Despite His Campaign's Failures. "But party leaders soon lined up behind Freitas. 'Nick recognizes what he has to do to be successful on November 5th and has put together a top-notch team to help us hold the majority,' Gilbert said in a written statement this week. 'The 30th House district knows Nick, and he's a great fit for it. There's no doubt in my mind that he's headed back to Richmond in January.' Freitas is running for reelection in a rural district where Trump beat Hillary Clinton 61 percent to 34 percent - despite losing the state overall by six points. Two years ago, as Democrats picked up 15 House seats in an anti-Trump wave, Freitas beat Democratic challenger Ben Hixon 62 percent to 38 percent, despite being outspent nearly 2 to 1. But a write-in campaign presents special challenges. Freitas has sought advice from part of the team that helped Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) win a write-in bid in 2010. His billboards, mailers and volunteers focus on the nitty-gritty of casting a write-in ballot. Voters must write his name - spelling need not be perfect - and fill in a bubble beside the words 'write-in.' The vote won't count if the bubble isn't filled in, unless there's a recount." [Washington Post, [10/23/19](#)]

HEADLINE: From Shoo-In To Write-In: Paperwork Stumble Forces A Va. Republican To Run The Hard Way. [Washington Post, [10/23/19](#)]

2020: Freitas Again Missed A Filing Deadline, Throwing His Campaign's Future Into Doubt

June 2020: Freitas Missed A Required Paperwork Deadline To Appear On The November Ballot

June 2020: Freitas Failed To File Paperwork With The Virginia State Board Of Elections To Ensure That He Would Appear On The November Ballot If Nominated. “Del. Nick Freitas, who is seeking the Republican nomination to take on Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-7th, took responsibility Monday for missing a deadline to file campaign paperwork for the second straight year. Last year, Freitas, R-Culpeper, was re-elected to his legislative seat through a write-in campaign after a paperwork issue left him off the ballot. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [6/15/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Freitas Takes Responsibility For Missing Another Paperwork Filing Deadline. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas Tried To Downplay The Scope Of His And His Campaign's Failures

Freitas Said The Paperwork Was Turned In Within The Window That Is Allowed But There Was Still Some Paperwork That Was Late. “This is not the same campaign team that I had last time. And this time what we did in order to make sure something like this wouldn't happen is we actually hired General Counsel, and we put specifically as their responsibilities to ensure that all of our paperwork was in on time, both federal and state, because this time, there's a lot of federal paperwork as well. You got to have financial documents, and quite frankly, there's some other candidates that haven't gotten all those in, although that hasn't made the news like this has. The paperwork was turned in, it was turned in within the window that is, that is allowed. Now, that's not good enough, because there was still there was still some paperwork that was late.” [The John Fredericks Show, 2:07, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas: “Anybody That Is Trying To Claim That Candidates Aren't Going To Be On The Ballot This Time [...] Just Doesn't Reflect Reality.” “This is it's not like last time where all of a sudden the party hadn't submitted paperwork, that campaign was late on its paperwork. And so we had to go through this battle. That is not the same dynamic here. And I think Shawn Kenny said it best, anybody that is trying to claim that candidates aren't going to be on the ballot this time. Because, you know, it was turned in on the 12th, or the 13th, or something like, that's just that doesn't reflect reality. That's never how it's worked in Virginia.” [The John Fredericks Show, 3:19, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas Took Responsibility For The Paperwork Failure...

Freitas Takes Personal Responsibility For Paperwork Failure. “FREDERICKS: ‘I really think you need to take personal responsibility for this. I don't think there's anything else that you’ [unclear] FREITAS: ‘I do, john, I do. I do. Because again, it goes back to that my military background, right, you're responsible for everything the campaign does or fails to do. So no, I take personal responsibility for but part of taking personal responsibility is making the necessary corrections. And so that that's what we're doing.’ [The John Fredericks Show, 12:31, [6/15/20](#)] /

Freitas Says Corrections Failed And Ultimately, He's Responsible. “FREDERICKS: ‘You didn't make the necessary corrections after the first one, and you really have to understand your really have to understand this is embarrassing for your backers [...] And it should be embarrassing to you to you also, Nick, based on your service, your record, everything you've done. It's embarrassing.’ FREITAS: ‘No, no, john, I get that. I'm not denying any of that. But again, when you say that we didn't make any of the necessary corrections, we did make a lot of corrections from again, when what happened last time. And again, those corrections failed. And, and as you can attest, it's not like we hired somebody that was younger, didn't know what they were doing. That is why this was so, that is in part why this was so frustrating. But yes, ultimately, I'm responsible.’ [The John Fredericks Show, 12:54, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas: “We Did Take Precautions To Make Sure That We Would Have Someone That Was Specifically Focused On This.” “We did take precautions to make sure that we would have someone that was specifically focused on this. I hired, I hired the same general counsel that the RPV uses for all of this because I figured this is someone that is intimately similar They’re regularly dealing with state board of elections. We wanted someone with that sort of extensive experience dealing with this in order to make that happen. Now, when this took place, I was furious. We got on the phone, I called up, I asked for an explanation. He offered his resignation. I’m accepting that resignation. And we’re moving on from here.” [The John Fredericks Show, 2:46, [6/15/20](#)]

...Yet Said That The “Person Responsible” For Submission Resigned

Freitas Said That The Person Within His Campaign Responsible For Paperwork Submission Resigned. “He added later: “There was one aspect of this campaign that was incredibly important. The person that was hired to take care of that part failed in their duties. Yes, I failed to double-check on that.’ Freitas said the person responsible for submitting the paperwork has resigned.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [6/15/20](#)]

An Opinion Piece In Freitas’ Hometown Newspaper Denounced Freitas For His Incompetence

A Letter To The Culpeper Star-Exponent Denounced Freitas As An Incompetent Delegate. “For the second year in a row, Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, forgot to file an important, required document with the State Board of Elections on time.

How many of his bills were passed in the Virginia General Assembly’s 2020 session? Zero. How many bills did he vote against that will now benefit our state House district? A lot, but I will name two. Tuesday, June 9, was the state deadline for filing his certificate of candidate qualification. I filed my documents on time when I ran for the Democratic nominations for state House District 30 in 2017 and Senate District 24 in 2019. Nick’s form was delivered on Friday, June 12. It’s not rocket science. [...] Maybe Nick should run for another office, where the document filings are easier. We need a delegate who actually cares about constituents, meets responsibilities on time and admits mistakes.” [Annette Hyde Letter, Culpeper Star-Exponent, [6/23/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Nick Freitas Is An Incompetent Delegate. [Annette Hyde Letter, Culpeper Star-Exponent, [6/23/20](#)]

February 2020: Freitas Used Campaign Funds For A Private Jet Company And Likely Skipped A Day Of Votes To Jet Off To An Unknown Location

February 3, 2020: Freitas Missed Every Vote Held In The House Of Delegates

February 3, 2020: Freitas Was Not Present For Any Vote That Took Place In The House Of Delegates

2/3/20: Freitas Missed Every House Floor Vote That Took Place. [Virginia Legislative Information System, accessed 6/25/20]

2/3/20: One Of The Votes Freitas Missed Was An Initial Floor Vote On An Insulin Price Cap. In February 2020, Freitas Did Not Vote On HB 66. “Prohibits health insurance companies and other carriers from setting an amount exceeding \$30 per 30-day supply that a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a covered prescription insulin drug. The measure also prohibits a provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy from containing a provision (i) authorizing the carrier’s pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds such

limitation.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 98-1. The Senate amended the bill; the House adopted the amended bill by a vote of 88-4. The Governor approved the measure.[HB 66, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/3/20](#)]

Freitas’ Inaction Was Reported On By A Local Outlet. “A bill that would prohibit insurance companies from charging more than a \$30 co-pay for a 30-day supply of insulin passed the Virginia House of Delegates on Tuesday. The vote for Delegate Lee Carter’s HB 66 was nearly unanimous at 98-1. Delegate Matthew Fariss (59th District) voted no, and Delegate Nick Freitas (30th District) did not vote. The bill now awaits approval by both the State Senate and Governor Ralph Northam. It comes as insurance prices have skyrocketed in the past two decades for the more than 7.5 million diabetic Americans who rely on it, despite no change to the drug, with the average price for a 20-milliliter vial going from about \$20 to more than \$250, according to a House of Representatives report in March 2019. The price of a vial tripled between 2002 and 2013, and nearly doubled from 2012 to 2016. The astronomical prices have led to some people either rationing or forgoing taking the critical medication, which can have lethal results. Insurance companies, who’ll have to pick up the cost, argue that the drug’s limited manufacturers are to blame to artificially inflating prices. The major corporations behind the world’s \$27 billion insulin market — Sanofi, Eli Lilly, and Novo Nordisk — have virtually controlled the supply since insulin was discovered 100 years ago. Meanwhile similar bills have recently passed in Illinois and Colorado, though their caps are set at \$100. At the federal level, Congress launched a bipartisan investigation into the insulin market in 2019 amid a comprehensive probe into drug pricing.” [Local DMV, [2/4/20](#)]

February 27, 2020: Freitas’ FEC Expenditures Indicated A \$10,250 Charge From Monarch Air Group, LLC, A Private Jet Charter Firm

February 2020: Freitas’ Congressional Campaign Spent \$10,250 For The Services Of Monarch Air Group, LLC. [FEC, accessed [6/11/20](#)]

Spender	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement date	Amount
FRIENDS OF NICK FREITAS INC	MONARCH AIR GROUP LLC	FL	TRAVEL	02/27/2020	\$10,250.00

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[FEC, accessed [6/11/20](#)]

Monarch Air Group, LLC Was A Private Jet Charter Company Based In Fort Lauderdale, FL

According To The Florida Secretary Of State, Monarch Air Group, LLC Was A Florida Corporation Registered At 610 SW 34th Street, Building 3, Suite 307, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315. [Florida Secretary of State, Document # L05000033840, Filed 4/15/19]

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DOCUMENT# L05000033840

Entity Name: MONARCH AIR GROUP, LLC

Current Principal Place of Business:610 S.W. 34TH STREET
BUILDING 3 SUITE 307
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33315**Current Mailing Address:**610 S.W. 34TH STREET
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FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33315 US

FEI Number: 65-1246704

Certificate of Status Desired: No

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610 S.W. 34TH STREET
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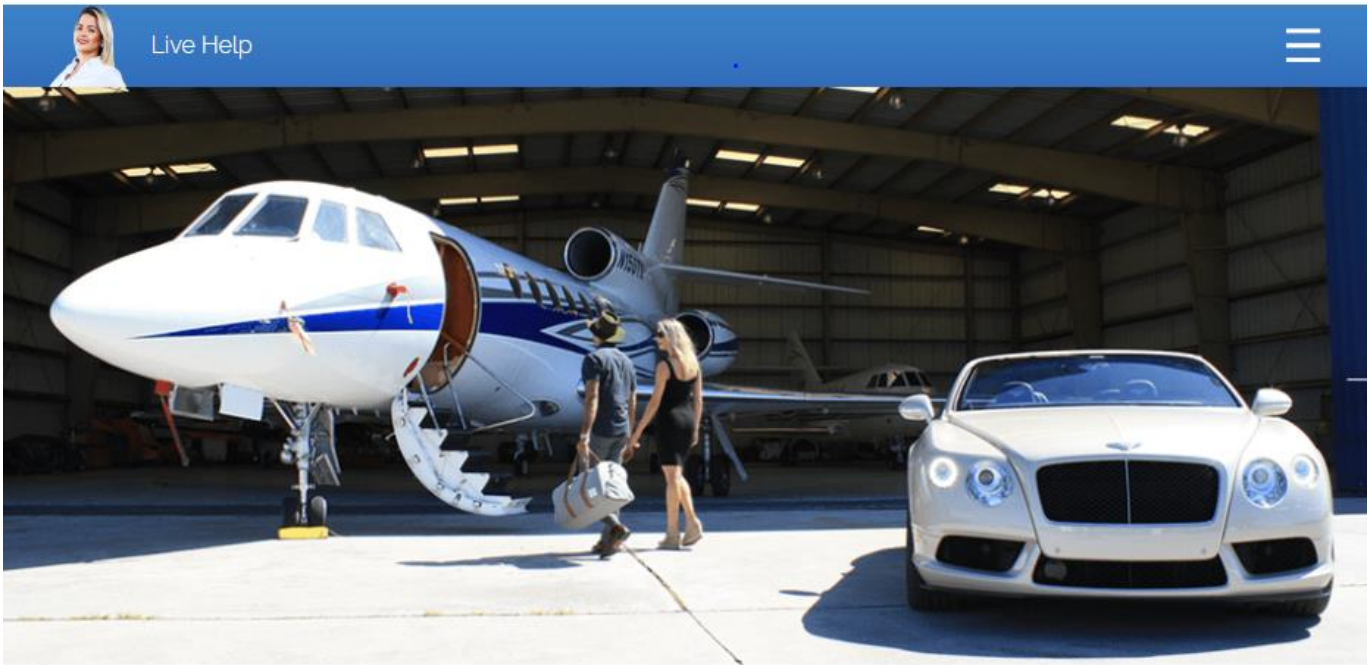
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Monarch Air Group Was A Private Jet Charter Company. “Monarch Air Group, LLC provides air charter services by utilizing pre-approved vendors across the globe. 24/7 fleet access will comfortably accommodate your travel requirements. The large variety of aircraft available for charter makes sure that all of your needs are cared for. All of the aircraft provided are well maintained and are flown by the most experienced crew. Our private air charter services accommodate different destinations, including New York and Miami.” [Monarch Air Group, LLC, [6/11/20](#)]



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Criminal Rep. Chris Collins Used Monarch Air Group After His Indictment

Criminal Chris Collins Used Monarch Air Group After His Indictment. “When Rep. Chris Collins was indicted on federal insider trading charges in August, his re-election campaign spent some big money, according to campaign finance reports filed this week. Collins only raised \$32,755 in the third quarter of 2018, which includes the months of July, August, and September. He raised \$105,790 in the previous quarter. On August 8th, the indictment charging Collins was made public. The campaign finance report shows ‘Collins for Congress’ continued to operate. It filed a disbursement for a fundraising lunch at the Buffalo Brew Pub in Amherst that day. Later on the same day, the campaign paid \$7,895 to Monarch Air Group, a private jet charter company. Natalie Baldassarre, a campaign spokesperson, confirmed Collins used Monarch to fly back to Buffalo after his arraignment.” [WIVB, [10/16/18](#)]

Collins Used The Plane To Fly To Manhattan In Order To Plead Not Guilty In His Insider Trading Case. “The campaign paid nearly \$8,000 to Monarch Air Group on August 8, the same day he was arrested.

That suggests the Congressman charged his campaign contributors for a private plane to fly to and from Manhattan, where he pleaded not guilty to the criminal charges against him. A Collins spokesperson wouldn't explain that expense." [WGRZ, 10/15/18]

Former Rep. Curt Weldon Sat On The Board Of Monarch Air Group, LLC

2017-Present: Former Rep. Curt Weldon Sat On The Board Of Monarch Air Group, LLC. [Curt Weldon, LinkedIn, accessed [6/4/20](#)]



Curt Weldon

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[Curt Weldon, LinkedIn, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

12/16/19: An Individual Named Peter Weldon Contributed \$2,800 To The Freitas Campaign. [FEC, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

Contributor name	Recipient	Receipt date	Amount	
WELDON, PETER	FRIENDS OF NICK FREITAS INC	12/16/2019	\$2,700.00	▶
WELDON, PETER	FRIENDS OF NICK FREITAS INC	12/16/2019	\$100.00	▶

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[FEC, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

NOTE: The relationship between Curt Weldon and Peter Weldon was unable to be positively verified.

Monarch Air Group Spokesman David Gitman Talked About Maintaining Secrecy

Monarch Air Group Spokesman David Gitman Talked About Maintaining Secrecy. “Ok, we know we can track an aircraft. Is there a way you can block a private jet from being tracked? “Although that’s a popular question these days, our regular clients have known about this for a decade or so. There are ways you can block an aircraft, but only one will work entirely”, says David Gitman, President for private charter company Monarch Air Group. Firstly, you can opt to block a plane at the internet level. This works by asking the FAA to stop sending the fee to the website tracker. It’s on them now to actually erase you from the grid. Not convinced? The FAA will stop sending the live air traffic data if websites don’t keep their part of the deal and block the tail number. From an operations department standpoint, you will still be able to track that aircraft and some FBOs will be able to follow the jet until its arrival.” [Travel Daily News, [6/12/19](#)]

Gitman Suggested Further Measures To Maintain Secrecy. “Truth to be told, there are two decent ways to block tracking, at the internet and FAA level, but only one way to secure absolute privacy. It’s a simple method that does not require technology, just trusting your private jet charter provider. ‘The only way to really go unnoticed is using a charter aircraft that regularly flies different people. Why? Because it’s not part of a fleet with fixed tail numbers nor it belongs to a corporation that has a permanent rotation of jets. You can even charter a different jet for your return flight to keep all those observers hesitant,’ states Gitman from Monarch Air Group.” [Travel Daily News, [6/12/19](#)]

Monarch Air In Addison, TX Was Not The Same As Monarch Air Group, LLC In Fort Lauderdale, FL

Monarch Air Group, LLC Was A Florida Corporation Registered At 610 S. 34th Street, Building 3, Suite 307, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315. [Florida Division of Corporations, [6/4/20](#)]

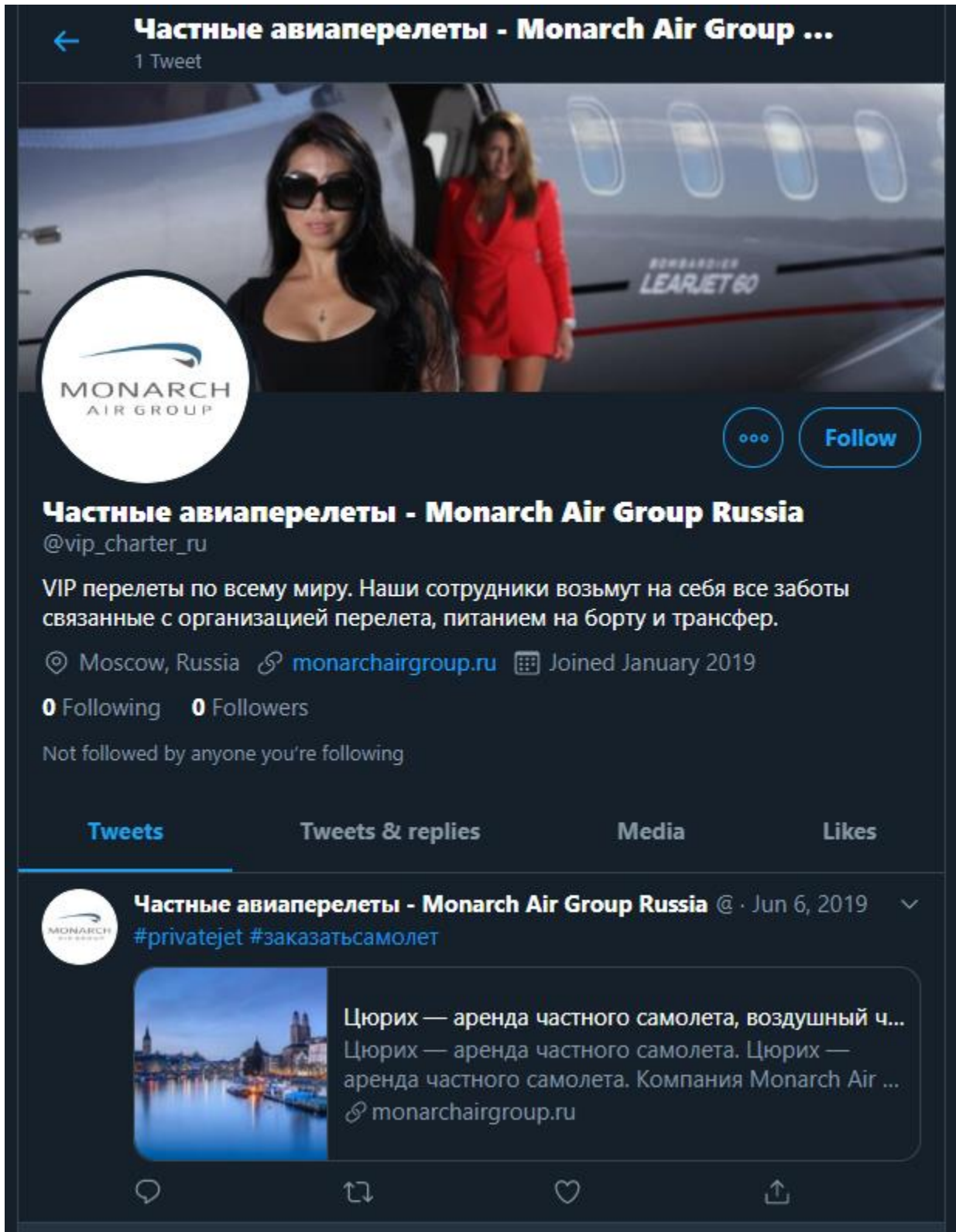
Mercury Jets Was The Private Charter Division Of Monarch Air Group, LLC. “Mercury Jets is the private charter division of Monarch Air Group. All of our officers are trained and weathered jet and turboprop operators that excel in customer service. Mercury Jets officers utilize only the safest aircraft for your travel needs.” [Mercury Jets, [6/4/20](#)]

Monarch Air Group Advertised Flights To Moscow


Monarch Air Group Featured Flights To Moscow On Their Website. “Monarch Air Group provides private jet charter flights in and out of Moscow, Russia. Moscow is among busiest cities for large VIP jet rentals going to

Asia, Europe, Canada and North America. It's served by Sheremetyevo International Airport (SVO), Domodedovo International Airport (DME) and Vnukovo International Airport (VKO). Vnukovo International Airport (VKO) is one of the busiest private jet airports in the world." [Monarch Air Group, [6/4/20](#)]

Monarch Air Group Maintained A Russian Language Version Of Their Twitter Account. [Monarch Air Group Russia, Twitter, accessed [6/4/20](#)]



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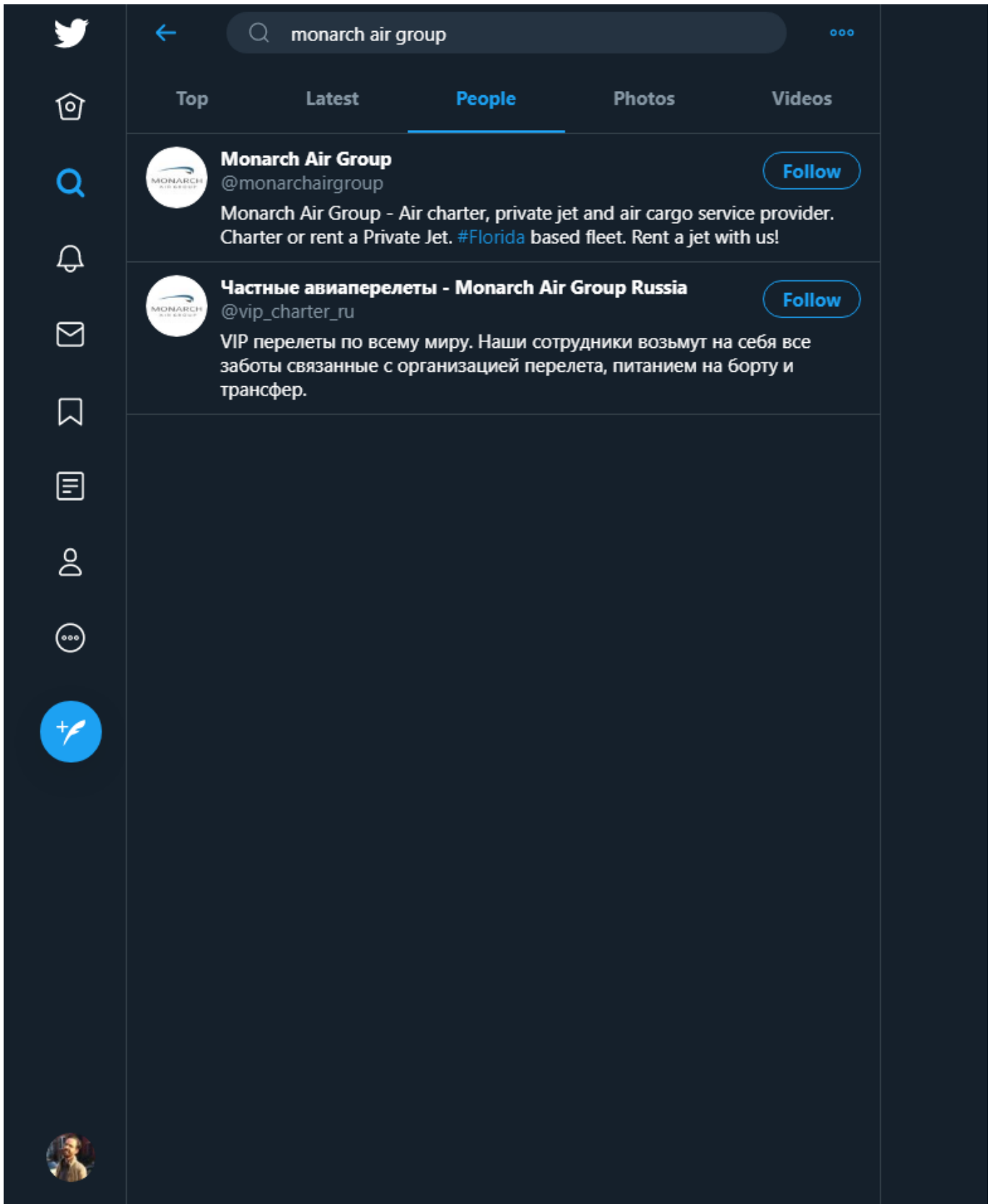
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[Monarch Air Group Russia, Twitter, accessed [6/4/20](#)]



[Twitter, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

Key Visuals

Video

Freitas Said That In Spite Of Criticisms For His Incessant Tweeting, Trump Should Not “Get Off The Toilet.” ”Ya know every once in a while I’ll hear people say Donald Trump should get off the toilet. No he shouldn’t. No he shouldn’t. And the reason why is that... [unclear]... I want to have civil discourse. I do. I want to have civil discourse. I want it to be a deliberative process. But the main reason we don’t have civility in politics right now is not tone. Everyone thinks it’s tone. If we were just nicer.” [Orange, VA Speech, 2/8/20]

Freitas Said That “I Am Really Comfortable With Violence Under The Right Circumstances. “FREITAS: ‘I said The primary difference between my approach and your approach is you’re a lot more comfortable with violence against innocent people than I am. ‘She looked at me She goes, What do you mean by that?’ I said, I know, right? Because I’m a former Green Beret, I’m actually really comfortable with violence under the right circumstances.’” [Kindred Spirit Brewing Meet and Greet, 2/11/20]

Above-referenced video is in Vantage.

Images

January 2020: Freitas At Culper County Republican Committee Forum.



Freitas third from right. [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [1/26/20](#)]

Freitas Speaking At Gun Rally In Richmond On MLK Day. Virginia Citizens Defense League President Philip Van Cleave Is Pictured At Center-Left.



[Mic.com, [1/20/20](#)]



[Newsweek, [1/28/20](#)]

June 2020: Club For Growth Mailer Sent Ahead Of VA-07 Republican Convention.



[Brandon Jaaavis, Twitter, [6/26/20](#)]

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[Brandon Jaaavis, Twitter, [6/26/20](#)]

Headlines

HEADLINE: Freitas Takes Responsibility For Missing Another Paperwork Filing Deadline. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [6/15/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Nick Freitas Is An Incompetent Delegate. [Annette Hyde Letter, Culpeper Star-Exponent, [6/23/20](#)]

HEADLINE: From Shoo-In To Write-In: Paperwork Stumble Forces A Va. Republican To Run The Hard Way. [Washington Post, [10/23/19](#)]

Personal & Professional History

Biography

This section provides background information on Freitas's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Culpeper County, media outlets including the Culpeper Star-Exponent, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date

Freitas Was Born On August 29, 1979

Nicholas Jason Freitas Was Born On August 29, 1979. [Virginia House of Delegates, [3/6/18](#)]

Freitas Was Born In Chico, California. “Nick Freitas (age 38) born in Chico, Calif., 11 years in U.S. Army (Special Forces), two Iraqi tours, honorably discharged Sergeant 1st Class (E7); graduated Henley-Putnam University (BA); moved to Culpeper County (2010), and became Director of Operations for a service-disabled, veteran-owned defense contractor. Since 2016, he’s been a libertarian-leaning conservative delegate for the 30th District, who gained notoriety from his speech defending the Second Amendment.” [Winchester Star, 6/2/18]

Freitas Was Pronounced “FREY-tus.” [Nick Freitas, YouTube, 4:25, [12/2/19](#)]

Freitas’ Surname Was Portuguese In Origin. “He said the reason he called out Stewart was because two of Stewart’s field directors had mocked Freitas’s surname, which is Portuguese.” [Washington Post, [4/19/18](#)]

Freitas Was Born In Northern California

Freitas Was Born In Chico, California. The Free Lance-Star reported, “Freitas, 38, was born in Chico, Calif., while the 35-year-old Hixon hails from Monroe, La. Both now live in Culpeper. A lifelong Republican, Freitas is seeking his second two-year term in the House of Delegates in the Nov. 7 election. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Tina, who is also actively involved in local politics. The couple has three children. Freitas joined the military right after high school and spent 11 years in the U.S. Army. A member of a special forces unit, he was twice deployed to Iraq.” [Free Lance-Star, 11/1/17]

Freitas Said His Mother Became Pregnant With Him In College, Was Encouraged To Get An Abortion, But Refused. During his announcement of his bid for Senate, Freitas said, “While she was in college, had an incredible scholarship opportunity to be able to go to Columbia – she was studying to be a nurse. [...] While she was there she got pregnant. Everyone encouraged her to get an abortion. She refused to do so.” [News2Share YouTube Page, 9:26, [12/8/17](#)]

Freitas “Grew Up In A Single Parent Home” With A “Great” Mom, But Had “A Good Relationship With” His Father. The Culpeper Star-Exponent reported, “On the topic of teen mental health and depression, Freitas said the breakdown of the family contributes to the societal problem he said the government helped create with ‘perverse incentives.’ ‘I grew up in a single parent home and my mom was great and I have a good relationship with my dad, but did I miss that presence in the home and did that result in me acting out? Yes, it absolutely did,’ he said. ‘It’s one of the reasons we need trauma-informed training in schools. One of the problems when we deal with an adolescent dealing with depression what is the root cause behind this? It’s also about understanding the student’s perspective, their world view.’ [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [10/7/17](#)]

Education

Freitas Claimed To Have Been Rejected From West Point

Freitas Said He Was Rejected From The United States Military Academy At West Point. “I also applied to West Point in high school. And they took a look at my math scores, they were like ‘oh, that’s cute, you want to go to West Point. Have you considered doing anything else, because this isn’t going to happen.” [Nick Freitas YouTube Page, [2:43](#), Published March 3/19/18]

2015: Freitas Received A Bachelor’s Degree From Henley-Putnam University In Rapid City, SD

Freitas Graduated Cum Laude With A Bachelor Of Science In Intelligence Management From Henley-Putnam University In 2015. [LinkedIn, accessed [4/25/18](#)]

Freitas Held A Bachelor Of Science In Intelligence Management. The Culpeper Star-Exponent reported, “The Star-Exponent recently distributed the same questionnaire to the two candidates running for the District 30 Virginia House of Delegates seat in the November election. [...] Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, incumbent Age: 38 Education: Bachelor’s of Science in Intelligence Management.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [10/26/17](#)]

Freitas Did Not Finish College Until He Was 32 And Attended Northern Virginia Community College For Part Of His College Education. In a talk with the Loudoun County Republican Committee, Freitas said, “I’ll never forget, I was sitting in a college class in Northern Virginia Community College and – keep in mind, I enlisted in the military right out of high school, right, so I didn’t finish my college until I was 32, and I’m not a doctor. So I was taking classes whenever I could, but I’m sitting in this community college classroom...” [Nick Freitas Facebook Page, [1:47](#), Published 4/25/18]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Freitas’s professional career:

Political

- 2016-Present: Member, Virginia House of Delegates, 30th District
- 2018: Unsuccessful candidate for Republican Nomination-U.S. Senate-Virginia

Professional

- 2018-Present: President – Gold Team Consulting
- 2016-2017: Senior Capture Management – KeyW Corporation
- 2015-2016: Director of Education and Training Services – Smarter Risk
- 2013-2015: Director – Blue Light (Formerly NEK), subsidiary of Macalan Group
- 2012-2013: Deputy Director – NEK Advanced Securities Group, Inc.
- 2009-2011: Senior Program Manager – NEK Advanced Securities Group, Inc.
- 2009-2010: Washington (State) National Guard/Army Reserve
- 2001-2009: Infantryman, United States Army
- 1997-1998: California National Guard

2018-Present: Freitas Worked For Gold Team Consulting, His Personal Consultancy

2018-Present: Freitas Was The President Of Gold Team Consulting. [Nick Freitas, LinkedIn, accessed [6/10/20](#)]

According To Freitas, His Firm Specialized In “Capture Management.” “Capture Management, Proposal Development, Subject Matter Expertise in CT, COIN, UW, Intelligence Analysis.”

2016-2017: Freitas Worked For The KeyW Corporation

2016-2017: Freitas Worked For The KeyW W Corporation In Senior Capture Management. [Nick Freitas, LinkedIn, accessed [6/10/20](#)]

KeyW Was An “Cyberspace, Geospace, And Counterterrorism” Firm. According to the KeyW website, “KEYW is a total solutions company that focuses on solving the toughest challenges in Cyberspace, Geospace and Counterterrorism. We help our Government and Enterprise customers prevent cyber threats, transform geospatial imaging into intelligence, and combat global terrorism. KEYW creates solutions by combining comprehensive services with technical expertise to create and optimize hardware, software, and proprietary technology. We also are expanding our commercial software and services to address the needs of the health care, telecommunications/ISP, financial services, and high-technology markets.” [KeyW Corp, [9/14/16](#)]

2015-2016: Freitas Worked For Smarter Risk

2015-2016: Freitas Worked For Smarter Risk As Director Of Education And Training Services. [Nick Freitas, LinkedIn, accessed [6/10/20](#)]

Freitas Claimed To Have Worked For A “Veteran-Owned” Defense Contractor. “After Sept. 11, 2001, Freitas served two combat tours as a Green Beret in the Middle East. He then became director of operations for a service-disabled, veteran-owned defense contractor.” [Mechanicsville Local, 6/5/18]

2009-2015: Freitas Worked For NEK Intelligence Services Group, Later Known As Blue Light

2009-2015: Freitas Worked At NEK Intelligence Services Group (Known As Blue Light From 2013 On). [Nick Freitas, LinkedIn, accessed [6/10/20](#)]

2013-2015: Freitas Worked As A Director With Blue Light. [Nick Freitas, LinkedIn, accessed [6/10/20](#)]

2012-2013: Freitas Worked As A Deputy Director At NEK Intelligence Services Group. [Nick Freitas, LinkedIn, accessed [6/10/20](#)]

2010-2011: Freitas Worked As A Senior Program Manager At NEK Advances Securities Group In The Intelligence Services Group. [Nick Freitas, LinkedIn, accessed [6/10/20](#)]

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NEK Advanced Securities Group Was Founded In 2002. “Most growth industries like to draw attention to themselves. But not what appears to be one of the fastest-growing segments of Colorado Springs’ economy -- the one marked top secret. Everyone knows about NORAD, hidden deep in the caverns of Cheyenne Mountain. And we’ve all heard about Northern Command, the military’s joint operation headquarters at Peterson Air Force Base. But top-secret activity in the Springs goes far beyond those two organizations. The area’s defense contractors generate hundreds of millions of dollars in sales providing hush-hush work for the government. Just how much isn’t clear. [...] Getting a handle on just what these operations are up to is generally impossible. [...] Our readily available services alleviate inherent governmental restrictions in order to meet foreign and domestic requirements. That’s vague, but NEK clearly prefers it that way. NEK says its work covers intelligence operations, strategic studies in irregular and unconventional warfare, advanced skills and tactics, special programs, and government

services. NEK's customers and affiliates include U.S. Special Operations Command, U.S. Army Special Forces Command, and Marine Special Operations Command, among others. [...] Looking ahead The Operation 6035 initiative, a jobs-creation effort, identifies the defense and aerospace industries as one of the key sectors in the region's economy - one that deserves support and attention if it's to grow. In a report last year, the group suggested the defense sector seek collaboration opportunities with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The industry, it said, could benefit from commercializing technologies developed at the university. The report also recommends a closer alliance between economic development officials and the defense industry. None of these efforts, however, should be expected to pull back the curtains on what goes on in the region's top-/secret operations." [Colorado Springs Business Journal, 7/3/10]

NEK Did Work With Raytheon

NEK Did Work With Raytheon. "NEK has held the Robin Sage contract since 2007, and it expires June 30. Raytheon, the prime contractor, had put a statement of work up for bid, but it was retracted this week to be reexamined. Young said NEK will submit paperwork to continue its work with Special Forces. NEK focuses on information operations, advanced skills and tactics training, and intelligence support. Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo., NEK has an operations facility in Fayetteville and employees based at Camp Mackall." [Fayetteville Observer, 4/17/11]

NEK Offered "Low-Vis Communications And Training." Cubic Global Defense (CGD), a business unit of Cubic Corporation (NYSE: CUB), today announced it will showcase advanced training from NEK Services in addition to comprehensive Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) solutions for current and future Special Operations Command (SOCOM) requirements at the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC) held in Tampa, Florida from May 23 - 26. With the theme, "Evolving the Network to Counter Emerging Threats," SOFIC provides a forum for military, including partner nations, government, academia and industry stakeholders to network and discuss how to best support global Special Operations Forces (SOF). Cubic will highlight capabilities from NEK, a service line of CGD, which offers highly specialized training services as well as special and low-vis communications and training to a broad customer base, including the U.S. and partner nations' defense, security and SOF. Cubic will also showcase its end-to-end C4ISR capabilities including "network on-the-move," real-time Full Motion Video (FMV) management, Satellite Communications (SATCOM) and Cross-Domain (XD) solutions. Enhanced training solutions for SOF operators such as the Social Media Replication Tool and Virtual Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (V-ISR) will also be featured at the show. In addition, industry partners Information Assurance Specialists, Echo Analytics Group and Cockleshell Corporation will be onsite to demonstrate how their capabilities integrate with Cubic's comprehensive solutions." [M2 PressWIRE, 5/19/16]

NEK Offered "Advanced Special Operations Skills." "Specialized SOF training and communications: NEK offers advanced special operations skills in addition to exercise design and support for defense and security institutions and units. Non-standard communications training and technology integration capabilities will also be featured." [M2 PressWIRE, 5/19/16]

2001-2009: Freitas Served In The United States Army

Freitas Enlisted In The Military Immediately After High School And Spent Eleven Years In The U.S. Army. The Free Lance-Star reported, "Freitas, 38, was born in Chico, Calif., while the 35-year-old Hixon hails from Monroe, La. Both now live in Culpeper. A lifelong Republican, Freitas is seeking his second two-year term in the House of Delegates in the Nov. 7 election. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Tina, who is also actively involved in local politics. The couple has three children. Freitas joined the military right after high school and spent 11 years in the U.S. Army. A member of a special forces unit, he was twice deployed to Iraq. [Free Lance-Star, 11/1/17]

Freitas Volunteered For The Green Berets After 9/11 And Served Two Tours In Iraq As A Special Forces Weapons Sergeant And Intelligence Sergeant. The Valley Banner reported, "Massanutten Patriots Tea Party will

meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Freedom Baptist Church, 141 Pleasant Hill Road, Harrisonburg. Nick Freitas will be our speaker for the evening. Freitas served with the 82nd Airborne Division and 25th Light Infantry Division as an infantryman. After Sept. 11, Freitas volunteered for U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and eventually served two tours in Iraq as a Special Forces weapons sergeant and Special Forces intelligence sergeant. Honorably discharged in 2009, Freitas moved his family to Culpeper and immediately became involved with the local Republican unit. [Valley Banner, 9/24/15]

Freitas Served Two Tours In Iraq In 2006 And 2008 With The 1st Special Forces Group. The Free Lance-Star reported, “NAME: Nicholas ‘Nick’ J. Freitas BIRTHPLACE: Chico, Calif. AGE: 38 FAMILY: Wife, Tina; two daughters, Lillyana (15) and Alexandria (9); one son, Luke (12) BACKGROUND: U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne, 25th Infantry and 1st Special Forces Group (Green Berets); two combat tours in Iraq 2006 & 2008; currently serving as delegate for the 30th District.” [Free Lance-Star, 1/11/17]

Freitas Served With The 82nd Airborne Division And 25th Light Infantry Division As An Infantryman. The Valley Banner reported, “Massanutten Patriots Tea Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Freedom Baptist Church, 141 Pleasant Hill Road, Harrisonburg. Nick Freitas will be our speaker for the evening. Freitas served with the 82nd Airborne Division and 25th Light Infantry Division as an infantryman. After Sept. 11, Freitas volunteered for U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and eventually served two tours in Iraq as a Special Forces weapons sergeant and Special Forces intelligence sergeant. Honorably discharged in 2009, Freitas moved his family to Culpeper and immediately became involved with the local Republican unit. [Valley Banner, 9/24/15]

December 2001: Freitas Was An Infantry Rifle Team Leader In The Army Stationed In Honolulu, Hawaii. The Honolulu Advertiser reported, “Soldiers Pvt. Nick Freitas, 22, and Spec. Cesar Vasquez, 21, from Schofield Barracks won cheers in the dawn’s early light as they ran the route carrying the Stars and Stripes aloft. ‘They yelled, ‘Go USA,’ and a lot of people thanked us for carrying the flag,’ said Freitas, an infantry rifle team leader from Chico, Calif.” [Honolulu Advertiser, 12/10/01]

Freitas Was An 11B Infantryman In The Army. The Army Times reported, “Freitas Nicholas Jason 11B.” [Army Times, 10/28/02]

December 2004: Freitas Was Recommended For Active-Duty Promotion To Sergeant First Class. The Army Times reported, “Here are the names and military occupational specialty sequence numbers of staff sergeants recommended for active-duty promotion to sergeant first class. [...] Freitas Nicholas J 173 [...]” [Army Times, 12/27/04]

Freitas, A Senior Noncommissioned Officer, Was Promoted In 2006. The Army Times reported, “These senior noncommissioned officers will be promoted in February. [...] Freitas Nicholas Jason [...]” [Army Times, 1/23/06]

Freitas Was Honorably Discharged From The Army In 2009. The Valley Banner reported, “Massanutten Patriots Tea Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Freedom Baptist Church, 141 Pleasant Hill Road, Harrisonburg. Nick Freitas will be our speaker for the evening. Freitas served with the 82nd Airborne Division and 25th Light Infantry Division as an infantryman. After Sept. 11, Freitas volunteered for U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and eventually served two tours in Iraq as a Special Forces weapons sergeant and Special Forces intelligence sergeant. Honorably discharged in 2009, Freitas moved his family to Culpeper and immediately became involved with the local Republican unit. [Valley Banner, 9/24/15]

Freitas Moved His Family To Culpeper After Being Honorably Discharged From The Army In 2009. The Valley Banner reported, “Massanutten Patriots Tea Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Freedom Baptist Church, 141 Pleasant Hill Road, Harrisonburg. Nick Freitas will be our speaker for the evening. Freitas served with the 82nd Airborne Division and 25th Light Infantry Division as an infantryman. After Sept. 11, Freitas volunteered for U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and eventually served two tours in Iraq as a Special Forces weapons sergeant and Special Forces intelligence sergeant. Honorably discharged in 2009, Freitas moved his family to Culpeper and immediately became involved with the local Republican unit. [Valley Banner, 9/24/15]

Freitas Was A Sergeant First Class In The U.S Army, National Guard Of Washington, And Army Reserve. [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of Washington And As A Reserve In The Army, 2010]

Freitas' Report Of Separation From The Army National Guard Of Washington Was Effective June 7, 2010. [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of Washington And As A Reserve In The Army, 2010]

Freitas' Report Of Separation From The Army National Guard Of Washington Indicated That He Had 11 Years Of Total Service For Retired Pay. [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of Washington And As A Reserve In The Army, 2010]

Freitas' Report Of Separation From The Army National Guard Of Washington Indicated That The Highest Level Of Education He Achieved Was 12 Years, Secondary And High School Level. [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of Washington And As A Reserve In The Army, 2010]

Freitas' Report Of Separation From The Army National Guard Of Washington Indicated That His Date Of Enlistment Was June 8, 2009, And His Date Of Rank Was February 1, 2006. [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of Washington And As A Reserve In The Army, 2010]

Freitas' Report Of Separation From The Army National Guard Of Washington Indicated That His Decorations Included A Bronze Star Medal-2, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal-2, Army Achievement Medal-3, Good Conduct Medal-2, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal W/CS, Armed Forces Reserve Medal W/ M Device, NCO Professional Development Ribbon-3, Overseas Service Ribbon-2, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, and B4 Identifier (Sniper). [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of Washington And As A Reserve In The Army, 2010]

Freitas Was A Private 2nd Class In The U.S Army, National Guard Of California, And Army Reserve. [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of California And As A Reserve In The Army, 1997]

Freitas' Report Of Separation From The Army National Guard Of California Was Effective June 14, 1998. [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of California And As A Reserve In The Army, 1997]

Freitas' Report Of Separation From The Army National Guard Of California Indicated That The Highest Level Of Education He Achieved Was 11 Years, Secondary And High School Level. [Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service in The Army National Guard Of California And As A Reserve In The Army, 1997]

Researcher's Note: This is the only item we have indicating he had 11 years of school prior to joining the service.

Freitas' Report Of Separation From The Army National Guard Of California Indicated That His Date Of Enlistment Was August 27, 1997 And His Date Of Rank Was February 28, 1998. Department of the Army and the Air Force National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service And As A Reserve In The Army, 1997]

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[Longitudinal Voter File, Created 6/29/20]

Note: Blue indicates votes in Virginia. Red indicates votes in California.

Personal Finance

In 2020, Freitas Had An Estimated Net Worth Between **-\$139,996 and \$239,996**.

According to Freitas’s federal personal financial disclosures, he reported no unearned income. Freitas also earned **\$17,640** in salary from the Virginia House of Delegates. Freitas’s assets totaled between **\$90,006 and \$300,000**. Freitas had between **\$60,000 and \$200,000** in liabilities.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Freitas’s personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures.

Freitas’s Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Year	Earned Income (Year To Date)	Earned Income (Previous Year)	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Transactions		Liabilities	
			MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
2020	\$62,200.75	\$155,198.00	\$90,006	\$300,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$60,000	\$200,000
2019	\$35,300.00	\$130,900.00	\$45,003	\$150,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$30,002	\$100,000

[Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)] [Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

Note: While public records indicate that Freitas received his full salary from the Virginia House of Delegates in 2018, he did not report that income on his 2019 PFD.

Taxpayer Funded Salaries

2016-2020: Freitas Earned \$78,810.98 In Salary As A Member Of The Virginia House Of Delegates

When Freitas first took office in the Virginia House of Delegates, he earned \$17,070.98 as a Delegate salary.

Today, Freitas earns a Delegate salary of \$17,640 an increase of \$569.02.

Over his five years in the House of Delegates, Freitas had earned a total of \$78,810.98 in taxpayer-funded salary.

Year	House Of Delegates Salary
2016	\$17,070.98
2017	\$17,640.00
2018	\$17,640.00
2019	\$17,640.00
2020 (Through June)	\$8,820.00
TOTAL	\$78,810.98

[Clerk, Virginia House of Delegates, 7/1/20]

Career Office Expenditures

Freitas Office Expenditures – Career

	Office Expense Allowance	Interim Meeting Compensation	Session Expense (Per Diem)	Session Mileage	Postage
2020 (Through June)	\$7,500.00	N/A	\$13,230.00	\$1,176.45	\$581.28
2019	\$15,000.00	\$600	\$10,437.00	\$863.04	\$620.89
2018	\$15,000.00	\$300	\$13,195.00	\$1,317.81	\$599.22
2017	\$15,000.00	N/A	Unk.	Unk.	\$307.56
2016	\$14,516.27	\$300	Unk.	Unk.	\$610.42
Career	\$67,016.27	1200	\$36,862.00	\$3,357.30	\$2,719.37

[Clerk, Virginia House Of Delegates, 7/1/20]

Note: 2016 salary and office expense allowance were prorated to the first day of Freitas' term. All Members receive a \$750 postage allowance each year for use during session.

Political Career

This section provides an overview of Freitas' recent political career, from 2018 to 2020

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas consistently espoused a very conservative and libertarian political philosophy, which he discussed the details of often.*
- ✓ *Freitas stated that his motivation to enter politics was Barack Obama's victory in the 2008 Presidential Election.*
- ✓ *Freitas lost the 2018 Virginia Republican Senate primary to Corey Stewart.*
- ✓ *Stewart accused Freitas of being a "stooge" for the establishment.*
- ✓ *Freitas criticized Stewart for his close association with white supremacists who were involved with the 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville.*
 - ✓ *Freitas accused Stewart encouraging harassment against Freitas' family.*
- ✓ *In 2019, Freitas ran for reelection to the House of Delegates.*
 - ✓ *Freitas failed to file required paperwork with the state on time, which forced him to run as a write-in candidate in the general election.*
 - ✓ *Freitas continued to receive backing from the state GOP and Freitas ultimately won reelection.*
- ✓ *In late 2019, Freitas announced his campaign for Congress, using anti-impeachment rhetoric as a springboard to criticize Rep. Spanberger.*
- ✓ *In June 2020, Freitas again failed to file required paperwork to appear on the general election ballot.*
 - ✓ *Freitas took responsibility but also stated that the campaign staffer responsible had resigned.*
 - ✓ *An opinion piece in a Culpeper, VA newspaper excoriated Freitas as incompetent in response.*

Attendance Record – Virginia House Of Delegates

Freitas Floor Vote Participation – VPAP	
Time Period	Percent
2020	97%
2019	99%
2018	99%
2017	97%
2016	99%
Total:	98.2%

[VPAP, accessed [6/22/20](#)]

Party Unity – Virginia House Of Delegates

2020: Freitas Voted With The Republican Party 74% Of The Time. According to the Virginia Public Access Project, over his career in the Virginia House of Delegates, Freitas has voted with other members of the Republican Caucus 74%% of the time in 2020. [VPAP, accessed [6/22/20](#)]

Party Unity	
Year	Level of VA GOP Support
2020	74%
2019	64%
2018	75%
2017	79%
2016	71%
Lifetime Average	72.6%

[VPAP, accessed [6/22/20](#)]

Committees

Note: Committees and subcommittees listed in italics represent chairmanships.

Virginia House of Delegates		
Years	Committees	Subcommittees
2020	Communications, Technology and Innovation	None
	Transportation	Transportation Systems
2019	Communications, Technology and Innovation	None
	Finance	Subcommittee #1
	House Public Safety	Subcommittee #1
2018	Communications, Technology and Innovation	None
	Finance	Subcommittee #1
	House Public Safety	Subcommittee #1
2017	Communications, Technology and Innovation	None
	Finance	Subcommittee #1
2016	Communications, Technology and Innovation	None
	Finance	Subcommittee #1

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [6/22/20](#)]

Campaigns

Political Philosophy

Freitas Espoused A Very Conservative And Libertarian Political Ideology

Freitas Explained He’s One Of The “10 Most Conservative Members Of The Virginia House Of Delegates.” ”There’s an organization called VPAP, Virginia Public Access, uh, Project. And what they do is they

track all of our votes. And one of these things they track is how often do you vote with your party. And it turns out that, I think it was last year, the people that voted ‘least with party,’ and, and they actually put a caveat on there. They, what they tell you is, voting with your party doesn’t mean voting with one party against the other party. In fact, in most of those votes there’s a lot of bipartisan support. And so, if you look at the bottom 10 people on the Republican side that didn’t vote with ‘their party’ you’ll find the 10 most conservative members of the Virginia House of Delegates. Um, so one of the reasons why, but what that also demonstrates is, just because my party says they want to do a particular thing, if I don’t think it’s the right thing to do I’m not going to do it.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 58:53, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas: “There’s Nowhere In The Constitution Where It Says That The Supreme Court Gets To Arbitrarily Decide What’s Constitutional.” ”And I do feel like in some senses we’ve we failed people on civics with respect to what the legislature does, what the executive does, what the judiciary does. And the judiciary again, you won’t find anywhere in the constitution where it says that the Supreme Court gets to arbitrarily decide what’s constitutional and what isn’t right. That was kind of established in Marbury vs. Madison with judicial review and things like that and, and I get it you know, we’ve kind of gone along like that, but every level of government no matter where you’re serving at you swear an oath to the Constitution, you have an obligation to ensure that before you do something, before you recommend something, you’re actually referencing the Constitution, and you’re referencing it in a way that is intellectually honest in order to determine whether or not your piece of legislation actually comports with the Constitution. Because I can tell you right now, we have so many legislators that their attitude is ‘I’m going to do whatever I want and then the courts will decide whether or not it’s constitutional.’” [Making the Argument Podcast, 18:15, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas Wanted Judges To Follow “An Originalist Interpretation Of The Constitution.” ”Technically, it shouldn’t matter liberal judge, conservative judge, it shouldn’t matter, provided that you’re following an originalist interpretation of the Constitution, which is nothing more than, you know, interpret the constitution with the text that was used, in the context in which it was used, and in a reasonable fashion. That’s it. And if you don’t like what the Constitution says, well, there’s a process for amending it. But more and more I see out of our left wing colleagues where it’s No, no, they’re going to they’re going to try to go as hard and as fast as they can. They’re going to try to tie you up in court. They’re going to try to drain you of finances until they either intimidate you into what they want. Or they actually get a judge to make a really bad ruling and with a lot of these legal, legal positivist judges, they can get that and so yeah, that the legislative component is so important.” [Making the Argument Podcast, 19:17, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas Stated That He Believed In The “Republican Creed”

Freitas: “When I Look At The Republican Creed, That’s What I Believe In.” ”The reason why I’m a Republican is because I agree with the philosophy of the Republican party. When I look at the Republican creed, that’s what I believe in.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:00:00, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Stated That Just Because A Majority Of Republicans Voted For Something Doesn’t Make It A Conservative Principle. “When you look at that creed, I vote along with that. Unfortunately, not every Republican votes along with that creed. And so when, when people look at various votes and they say well wait a second, what you need to do is go and look at the individual votes and ask yourself, just because a majority of Republicans voted for something, did that make it a conservative principle, does that mean it falls within the Republican creed. Or do we have some more work to do within the Republican party ensuring that our candidates actually vote in accordance with the principles that they run on and that our party stands for.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:00:30, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas: “If I Don’t Think It’s The Right Thing To Do I’m Not Going To Do It.” ”Just because my party says they want to do a particular thing, if I don’t think it’s the right thing to do I’m not going to do it.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 59:40, [5/5/20](#)]

Election History

Delegate Nick Freitas Electoral History				
Year	Office	Candidates	Results	Freitas Margin
2015	Virginia House of Delegates (30 th District)	Nick Freitas (R)	97.9%	+95.8%*
		Others	2.1%	
2017	Virginia House of Delegates (30 th District)	Nick Freitas (R)	62.1%	+24.3%
		Samuel Hixon	37.8%	
2018	Republican Primary – U.S. Senate, Virginia	Nick Freitas (R)	43.1%	-1.8%
		Corey Stewart (R)	44.9%	
		Earl Jackson, Sr. (R)	12.0%	
2019	Virginia House of Delegates (30 th District)	Nick Freitas (R)**	56.2%	+14.1%
		Ann Ridgeway (D)	42.1%	

[Virginia Department of Elections, accessed [5/27/20](#)]

*Election was uncontested

**Candidate was write-in

2020 Campaign – Virginia’s 7th Congressional District
October 2019: Freitas Participated In An Anti-Impeachment Event Outside Rep. Spanberger’s Henrico County Office, Which Freitas Claimed Was Not Signaling A Challenge In VA-07

October 2019: Freitas Spoke At An Anti-Impeachment Rally Outside The Henrico County Office Of Rep. Spanberger. “Freitas’s flub is not considered likely to cost him reelection given the bright red nature of the district, which covers Madison and Orange counties, and part of Culpeper. But it is forcing Freitas, 40, to spend more time and money on the campaign than planned. The episode could also cost him political capital with his own party at a time when he is widely thought to have his eye on higher office, including a possible challenge to Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.) next year. Freitas spoke at a recent anti-impeachment rally outside Spanberger’s Henrico County office but said that was to support Trump, not to signal his interest in a congressional bid. ‘I am entirely focused on my House of Delegates race,’ said Freitas, a defense consultant who served in the Army in Iraq on two combat tours.” [Washington Post, [10/23/19](#)]

Freitas Claimed That This Appearance Was Not Signaling A Coming Challenge To Rep. Spanberger.

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December 2019: Freitas Announced His Candidacy For VA-07

December 2019: Freitas Announced His Candidacy For VA-07. “State Del. Nick Freitas announced his candidacy for Virginia’s 7th Congressional District, joining a crowded Republican field seeking the right to challenge first-term Democratic Rep. Abigail Spanberger. Freitas, a former Green Beret and two-tour Iraq veteran, is running in the central Virginia district, which Spanberger, 40, won in 2018, defeating Republican incumbent Dave Brat by 1.9%. Several other Republicans are already running, including state Del. John McGuire.” [Washington Examiner, 12/2/19]

March 2020: Freitas Called Rep. Spanberger's Endorsement Of Joe Biden For President As "Politically Calculated"

March 2020: Freitas Called Rep. Spanberger's Endorsement Of Joe Biden For President As "Politically Calculated." Nick Freitas, a former Green Beret who has made a name for himself in Virginia politics as a brash and outspoken supporter of the Second Amendment, said Spanberger's endorsement of Biden was 'politically calculated' after the Democrat tweeted on Monday that she was 'proud' to vote for Sen. Amy Klobuchar in the Virginia primary. 'If you supported Klobuchar, why did you wait until she dropped out to say so?' Freitas asked on Twitter. 'If you support Biden now, why did you wait until he won VA to actually endorse him? Is any decision you make genuine? ... or is it all going to be politically calculated?' Klobuchar dropped out of the presidential race on Monday and endorsed Biden at a rally in Dallas." [Washington Examiner, 4/4/20]

2020: Freitas Again Missed A Filing Deadline, Throwing His Campaign's Future Into Doubt

June 2020: Freitas Missed A Required Paperwork Deadline To Appear On The November Ballot

June 2020: Freitas Failed To File Paperwork With The Virginia State Board Of Elections To Ensure That He Would Appear On The November Ballot If Nominated. "Del. Nick Freitas, who is seeking the Republican nomination to take on Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-7th, took responsibility Monday for missing a deadline to file campaign paperwork for the second straight year. Last year, Freitas, R-Culpeper, was re-elected to his legislative seat through a write-in campaign after a paperwork issue left him off the ballot. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [6/15/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Freitas Takes Responsibility For Missing Another Paperwork Filing Deadline. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas Tried To Downplay The Scope Of His And His Campaign's Failures

Freitas Said The Paperwork Was Turned In Within The Window That Is Allowed But There Was Still Some Paperwork That Was Late. "This is not the same campaign team that I had last time. And this time what we did in order to make sure something like this wouldn't happen is we actually hired General Counsel, and we put specifically as their responsibilities to ensure that all of our paperwork was in on time, both federal and state, because this time, there's a lot of federal paperwork as well. You got to have financial documents, and quite frankly, there's some other candidates that haven't gotten all those in, although that hasn't made the news like this has. The paperwork was turned in, it was turned in within the window that is, that is allowed. Now, that's not good enough, because there was still there was still some paperwork that was late." [The John Fredericks Show, 2:07, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas: "Anybody That Is Trying To Claim That Candidates Aren't Going To Be On The Ballot This Time [...] Just Doesn't Reflect Reality." "This is it's not like last time where all of a sudden the party hadn't submitted paperwork, that campaign was late on its paperwork. And so we had to go through this battle. That is not the same dynamic here. And I think Shawn Kenny said it best, anybody that is trying to claim that candidates aren't going to be on the ballot this time. Because, you know, it was turned in on the 12th, or the 13th, or something like, that's just that doesn't reflect reality. That's never how it's worked in Virginia." [The John Fredericks Show, 3:19, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas Took Responsibility For The Paperwork Failure...

Freitas Takes Personal Responsibility For Paperwork Failure. "FREDERICKS: 'I really think you need to take personal responsibility for this. I don't think there's anything else that you' [unclear] FREITAS: 'I do, john, I do. I do. Because again, it goes back to that my military background, right, you're responsible for everything the campaign does or fails to do. So no, I take personal responsibility for but part of taking personal responsibility is

making the necessary corrections. And so that that's what we're doing." [The John Fredericks Show, 12:31, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas Says Corrections Failed And Ultimately, He's Responsible. "FREDERICKS: 'You didn't make the necessary corrections after the first one, and you really have to understand your really have to understand this is embarrassing for your backers [...] And it should be embarrassing to you to you also, Nick, based on your service, your record, everything you've done. It's embarrassing.' FREITAS: 'No, no, john, I get that. I'm not denying any of that. But again, when you say that we didn't make any of the necessary corrections, we did make a lot of corrections from again, when what happened last time. And again, those corrections failed. And, and as you can attest, it's not like we hired somebody that was younger, didn't know what they were doing. That is why this was so, that is in part why this was so frustrating. But yes, ultimately, I'm responsible.'" [The John Fredericks Show, 12:54, [6/15/20](#)]

Freitas: "We Did Take Precautions To Make Sure That We Would Have Someone That Was Specifically Focused On This." "We did take precautions to make sure that we would have someone that was specifically focused on this. I hired, I hired the same general counsel that the RPV uses for all of this because I figured this is someone that is intimately similar They're regularly dealing with state board of elections. We wanted someone with that sort of extensive experience dealing with this in order to make that happen. Now, when this took place, I was furious. We got on the phone, I called up, I asked for an explanation. He offered his resignation. I'm accepting that resignation. And we're moving on from here." [The John Fredericks Show, 2:46, [6/15/20](#)]

...Yet Said That The "Person Responsible" For Submission Resigned

Freitas Said That The Person Within His Campaign Responsible For Paperwork Submission Resigned. "He added later: "There was one aspect of this campaign that was incredibly important. The person that was hired to take care of that part failed in their duties. Yes, I failed to double-check on that.' Freitas said the person responsible for submitting the paperwork has resigned." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [6/15/20](#)]

An Opinion Piece In Freitas' Hometown Newspaper Denounced Freitas For His Incompetence

A Letter To The Culpeper Star-Exponent Denounced Freitas As An Incompetent Delegate. "For the second year in a row, Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, forgot to file an important, required document with the State Board of Elections on time.

How many of his bills were passed in the Virginia General Assembly's 2020 session? Zero. How many bills did he vote against that will now benefit our state House district? A lot, but I will name two. Tuesday, June 9, was the state deadline for filing his certificate of candidate qualification. I filed my documents on time when I ran for the Democratic nominations for state House District 30 in 2017 and Senate District 24 in 2019. Nick's form was delivered on Friday, June 12. It's not rocket science. [...] Maybe Nick should run for another office, where the document filings are easier. We need a delegate who actually cares about constituents, meets responsibilities on time and admits mistakes." [Annette Hyde Letter, Culpeper Star-Exponent, [6/23/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Nick Freitas Is An Incompetent Delegate. [Annette Hyde Letter, Culpeper Star-Exponent, [6/23/20](#)]

2019 Campaign – Virginia House of Delegates

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July 2019: Freitas Failed To File Paperwork To Run In The 2019 House Of Delegates Election On Time. "But political errors are always nonpartisan, so it was inevitable Virginia Republicans would stumble over

something on their way to Election Day. For a while, it seemed the bizarre ousting of 97th District Del. Chris Peace would take top honors. But it appears the 30th House District and its on-again off-again delegate, Nick Freitas, is coming up fast along the rail. For those who haven't followed the Freitas campaign, it begins with a paperwork stumble that threatened to keep the incumbent off the ballot. That stumble turned out to include a head-over-heels tumble when it became clear Freitas failed to file additional paperwork." [Washington Post, 7/25/19]

Freitas Initially Withdrew His Candidacy, But Then Backtracked. "Then Freitas withdrew his candidacy, seeming to leave the GOP-friendly district with only a Democrat, Ann Ridgeway, on the November ballot. Team Freitas and the local GOP committee are trying again, declaring that he is running and could he please be on the ballot now? The State Board of Elections must now decide whether any of this is allowed - and, eventually, a judge may have to settle the matter. No matter. If all goes against him, Team Freitas is perfectly willing to fritter away huge amounts of money running a write-in campaign for the part-time job." [Washington Post, 7/25/19]

Due To His Filing Errors, Freitas Was Ultimately Forced To Run As A Write-In Candidate

State Election Officials Said That Local GOP Had Never Submitted Required Documentation That Freitas Was The Nominee For The House Of Delegates' 30th District. "Freitas, who narrowly lost his party's U.S. Senate nomination last year to Corey Stewart, did not face a Republican primary challenge this year. But state election officials said his local Republican legislative committee never submitted a required form indicating Freitas was the party's nominee. The state said another form, which Freitas personally should have filed, was also missing. Freitas's largely rural district, which includes Madison, Orange and Culpeper counties, has been reliably red territory, where President Trump beat Hillary Clinton 61 percent to 34 percent in 2016. Running as a write-in would pose a significant hurdle in a pivotal election year." [Washington Post, 7/26/19]

The GOP Chairman For The 30th District Claimed That The Nomination Paperwork Was Emailed To The State Officials, But Had Sent It To An Outdated Address. "Bruce Kay, chairman of the GOP's 30th legislative district, said he emailed the nomination form to the state, but sent it to an outdated email address. 'It wasn't kicked back to me to my knowledge,' Kay said. Kay could not provide evidence that he sent the email, saying he had a problem with his computer that caused two years of email to be lost. As for the form Freitas should have submitted, Kay said the state normally would have sent a reminder to the candidate, but since the first form was not received, that did not happen." [Washington Post, 7/26/19]

Virginia Election Officials Ultimately Denied Freitas' Request That He Be Placed On The November Ballot. "State elections officials have denied a belated request to put Del. Nicholas J. Freitas on the November ballot, a decision that could force the Culpeper Republican to run as a write-in candidate in a year when the GOP cannot afford to lose any seats. Freitas blasted the decision by the state Department of Elections, vowing to appeal to the state Board of Elections or, if that fails, to run as a write-in candidate. 'I am not about to allow a Department in Richmond to disenfranchise the voters of the 30th District by denying the same ballot access they have granted to other candidates,' he said in a statement. 'If that means mounting a successful write-in campaign in order to give the voters an option, then that is exactly what we will do.' Freitas, considered one of the party's rising stars, did not face a Republican primary challenger this year. But the elections department said it did not receive paperwork related to his candidacy on time. Freitas briefly bowed out of the race in July in a tactical move that paved the way for local Republicans to designate him as a replacement candidate - something that is allowed when a nominee drops out or dies." [Washington Post, 7/31/19]

The Virginia GOP Backed Freitas' Write-In Campaign Despite Accusations Of Bias

A Former Freitas Aide Angrily Accused The State GOP Of Not Supporting Freitas In The Aftermath Of The Write-In Debacle. "As Freitas considered how to get his name on the ballot, rifts with party leaders opened in public. A former Freitas aide tangled on Facebook with House Majority Leader Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah), accusing GOP leaders of not supporting Freitas. 'Oh YOU must be the mastermind behind the scenes who would rather run a write-in campaign than try to get a Republican on the ballot in an otherwise safe district when control of the state government is at stake,' Gilbert shot back. 'Shame on me?'" [Washington Post, [10/23/19](#)]

The Virginia GOP Publicly Backed Freitas Despite His Campaign's Failures. “But party leaders soon lined up behind Freitas. ‘Nick recognizes what he has to do to be successful on November 5th and has put together a top-notch team to help us hold the majority,’ Gilbert said in a written statement this week. ‘The 30th House district knows Nick, and he’s a great fit for it. There’s no doubt in my mind that he’s headed back to Richmond in January.’ Freitas is running for reelection in a rural district where Trump beat Hillary Clinton 61 percent to 34 percent - despite losing the state overall by six points. Two years ago, as Democrats picked up 15 House seats in an anti-Trump wave, Freitas beat Democratic challenger Ben Hixon 62 percent to 38 percent, despite being outspent nearly 2 to 1. But a write-in campaign presents special challenges. Freitas has sought advice from part of the team that helped Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) win a write-in bid in 2010. His billboards, mailers and volunteers focus on the nitty-gritty of casting a write-in ballot. Voters must write his name - spelling need not be perfect - and fill in a bubble beside the words ‘write-in.’ The vote won’t count if the bubble isn’t filled in, unless there’s a recount.” [Washington Post, [10/23/19](#)]

HEADLINE: From Shoo-In To Write-In: Paperwork Stumble Forces A Va. Republican To Run The Hard Way. [Washington Post, [10/23/19](#)]

2019: Freitas Received A Staggering \$500,000 In Campaign Contributions From Richard Uhlein, A GOP Megadonor

Billionaire Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein Donated \$500,000 To Freitas' 2019 Campaign

Billionaire Republican Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein Donated \$500,000 To Freitas' Write-In Campaign. In September 2019, the Culpeper Star-Exponent reported: “A Chicago area Republican mega-donor has donated \$500,000 to the write-in reelection campaign of Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper. Billionaire businessman Richard Uihlein made the contribution on July 12, according to recently released campaign finance reports for July and August.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [9/18/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “One Virginia Candidate Has Accepted A Massive Donation.” [WVTF, [9/25/19](#)]

Uihlein's Donation Was The Largest In The History Of The Virginia House Of Delegates. In September 2019, conservative blog Bearing Drift reported: “It was the largest donation in the history of the Virginia House of Delegates — half-a-million dollars from a mystery mega-donor deposited into Culpeper Republican Delegate Nick Freitas’ war chest. Who was the secret money-bags donor? In March 2018, Politico called billionaire Richard Uihlein ‘the biggest Republican mega-donor you’ve never heard of,’ and profiled the man who had been dumping millions into Libertarian campaigns.” [Bearing Drift, blog, [9/19/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “Freitas Will Report Getting \$500K From GOP Megadonor, Campaign Says.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/19](#)]

Freitas: “My Vote Is Never For Sale.” “I’ve had people, uh, call me up and when I was in the House of Delegates, and you know they try to entice you or whatnot. My vote is never for sale. And I’ve proven it by standing up to my own leadership. Because believe me there’s been pressure at times by leadership to vote a certain way. And my answer has always been if this violates my principles there’s no way I’m going to do it and there’s nothing you can threaten me with that will make me do it.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 41:10, [5/5/20](#)]

Uihlein's Donation To Freitas Was “Raising Eyebrows Across Virginia.” In September 2019, WVTF reported: “Running for office isn’t cheap, especially when the stakes are as high as they are this year. But one very large campaign contribution is raising eyebrows across Virginia. Wisconsin-based businessman Richard Uihlein is no stranger to Virginia politics. Campaign finance documents show he donated \$160,000 to Republican Ed Gillespie’s campaign for governor, and he gave \$32,000 to the Home School Legal Defense Fund. In July, he cut a check for

half a million dollars to Republican Delegate Nick Freitas, an amount that Bob Denton at Virginia Tech says is part of a larger trend.” [WVTF, [9/25/19](#)]

Uihlein’s Donation Gave Freitas A Fighting Chance In His Write-In Campaign

Although Freitas Failed To Qualify For The November Ballot, “The Outside Financial Help Could Help Him Fund A Resource-Intensive [Write-In] Campaign.” In September 2019, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported: “Freitas, a libertarian-leaning former Green Beret who has served in the House of Delegates since 2016, failed to qualify for the November ballot due to missed filing deadlines, but the outside financial help could help him fund a resource-intensive outreach campaign explaining how Republican voters can cast their ballots for him.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/19](#)]

Freitas’ Chances To Hold His Seat Were “Bolstered” By The \$500k From Uihlein. In October 2019, the AP reported: “Freitas’ chances of holding on to his seat have been bolstered by a \$500,000 donation from GOP megadonor Richard Uihlein, an Illinois billionaire.” [AP, [10/20/19](#)]

“Freitas’ Campaign Was Greatly Aided By A \$500,000 Donation” From Uihlein, Which “Dissuaded Democrats From Investing A Lot In The Contest.” In November 2019, the Culpeper Star-Exponent reported: “Freitas’ campaign was greatly aided by a \$500,000 donation from GOP megadonor Richard Uihlein, an Illinois billionaire. That dissuaded Democrats from investing a lot in the contest.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [11/6/19](#)]

2018 Campaign – U.S Senate – GOP Primary

Freitas Ran In The Republican Primary For The 2018 U.S. Senate Election In Virginia

May 2018: Freitas And Corey Stewart Qualified For The Republican Primary Contest. “The party determined Corey A. Stewart, chairman of the Prince William Board of Supervisors; Nick Freitas, a two-term delegate from Culpeper; and Chesapeake minister E.W. Jackson had enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. John Findlay, executive director of the party, and Chris Piper, commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections, are listed as defendants.” [Washington Post, 5/1/18]

Freitas’ Primary Opponent Called Him A “Stooge For The Establishment”

Freitas’ Primary Opponent Stewart Accused The Virginia GOP Of Secretly Backing Him, Which Freitas Denied. “Virginia Republican Corey Stewart is accusing GOP leaders of favoring a rival for the nomination to challenge Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.), despite the party’s claim of neutrality in the June 12 primary. Stewart, the bombastic chairman of the Prince William Board of Supervisors, said party leaders secretly back Nick Freitas, a two-term state lawmaker from the Piedmont Valley - a charge the state GOP denied.” [Washington Post, 5/3/18]

Corey Stewart Called Freitas A “Stooge For The Establishment.” ““He’s a stooge for the establishment,” Stewart said during a 10-minute-long news conference outside the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee Thursday afternoon. “They’re trying to use him to keep my name off the [general election] ballot.”” [Washington Post, 5/3/18]

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Stewart Accused Freitas Of Pressuring Another Primary Opponent To Drop Out And Endorse Him. “GOP Senate candidate Corey Stewart complained at a news conference in Washington on Thursday that Republican leaders were trying to stop him from winning the nomination in the three-way primary. He cited as evidence some facts from a federal lawsuit over ballot access that longshot former GOP candidate Ivan Raiklin filed Tuesday against the Republican Party of Virginia and the commonwealth. ‘He says that party leaders approached him and said that they wanted him to drop out and support my opponent Nick Freitas,’ Stewart said at a news conference

outside the offices of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Freitas, a state lawmaker from Culpeper, and minister E.W. Jackson of Chesapeake are vying with Stewart in the June 12 primary for the chance to face Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va.” [Roanoke Times, 5/4/18]

Raiklin Called The Accusation That The State GOP Pressured To Him To Drop Out “Somewhat Of A Stretch,” But That He Felt That The Party Favored Freitas. “Raiklin said in an interview Thursday that Stewart’s description of the lawsuit was ‘fairly accurate’ but ‘somewhat of a stretch.’ ‘No, he never said drop out,’ Raiklin said of a conversation he had with state GOP Chairman John Whitbeck. But Raiklin said he did get a sense during a March 29 phone call with Whitbeck that the party chairman favored Freitas. ‘That’s how I received it, absolutely,’ Raiklin said.” [Roanoke Times, 5/4/18]

Freitas Received Backing From A Super PAC Backed By Senator Rand Paul

A Super PAC Aligned With Senator Rand Paul Ran Ads Supporting Freitas Over Stewart. “A super PAC supporting Sen. Rand Paul on Thursday will release a video that urges voters to choose Nick Freitas over Corey Stewart in next month’s Republican primary for the U.S. Senate in Virginia. Stewart, chairman of the Prince William Board of Supervisors, is the most well known of the three primary hopefuls, but Freitas, a two-term delegate from Piedmont Valley, has picked up support from Paul (R-Ky.) and other elected officials. Chesapeake minister E.W. Jackson is also seeking the nomination to challenge Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) in the fall. The 30-second digital ad refers to a February news conference where Stewart compared fellow Republicans to toilet paper for supporting Medicaid expansion months after the party was trounced in the governor’s race and legislative contests.” [Washington Post, 5/10/18]

The Ad Emphasized Freitas’ Military Background. “Photos of Army veteran Freitas in uniform in the desert appear as the narrator says he served two tours in Iraq and supports gun rights - a reference to an incendiary floor speech Freitas made weeks after the Parkland school shooting. The ad concludes, ‘If you want change in Washington, don’t send a boy to do a man’s job. Send the Green Berets. Send Nick Freitas.’ The founder of America’s Liberty PAC, which paid for the ad, is John Tate, who worked for Stewart in his early supervisor campaigns and was former Texas congressman Ron Paul’s campaign manager in 2012. In response, Stewart’s campaign manager, Matt Brown, doubled down on Stewart’s earlier rhetoric. ‘Corey Stewart will clean up the sewage in D.C. that swamp-dwelling Delegate Freitas - who’s in the pocket of GOP leadership - has been unwilling to clean up in Richmond, and just like Nick’s mess in Richmond, toilet paper will absolutely be required,’ he said.” [Washington Post, 5/10/18]

June 2018: America’s Liberty PAC Had Plans To Spend \$225,000 On Ads For Freitas. “The blowback - coming in a week when the conservative America’s Liberty political action committee revealed in a federal filing that it plans to spend \$225,000 on ads supporting Freitas before the election - shows the potential political price Stewart faces when flirting with the far-right fringes of his party.” [Washington Post, 6/6/18]

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Freitas’ Surname Was Portuguese In Origin. “He said the reason he called out Stewart was because two of Stewart’s field directors had mocked Freitas’s surname, which is Portuguese.” [Washington Post, [4/19/18](#)]

Stewart Said These Comments Were “Actually Kind Of Funny.” “Which is pretty funny itself, when you think about it. Because just a couple of weeks ago, Stewart was defending supporters of his who had mocked the last name of one of his opponents, Nick Freitas. The name ‘sounds more like a [sic] item from Taco Bells [sic] dollar menu,’ wrote one Stewart backer on Facebook. Stewart later said the comment “was actually kind of funny.’ When Freitas confronted Stewart about the post during a debate at Liberty University, Stewart made no apologies: ‘I pledged to run a vicious and ruthless race against Tim Kaine in November. You know why? Because he’s going to run one against us. And if all it takes is to make a little bit of fun of your name by some supporters out there of mine, if that’s all it takes to get under your skin, you’ve got some major problems.’” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 5/2/18]

Stewart Also Took To Calling Freitas “Cryin’ Nick.” “Freitas, by the way, is a former Green Beret who served two combat tours in Iraq. Nevertheless, Stewart soon started calling Freitas ‘Cryin’ Nick’ - the sort of puerile taunt the president and some of his fans find amusing. Stewart tossed out the nickname in a speech complaining about ‘this ridicule of conservative speech.’ Since when is conservatism synonymous with juvenile put-downs? (On second thought, don’t answer that.)” [Richmond Time-Dispatch, 5/2/18]

HEADLINE: Freitas, Not Frijoles Refritos; Has Stewart A Clue On Virginia’s Demographics?
[Winchester Star, 5/3/18]

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Freitas Had Low Name Recognition Amongst Virginia Republicans. “Meanwhile, more than nine in 10 Republicans didn’t have an opinion about state Del. Nick Freitas (7 percent favorable/2 percent unfavorable) or E.W. Jackson (6 percent favorable/2 percent unfavorable). ‘The beginning of summer is not the time that most folks tune into politics,’ said Harry Wilson, director of the Roanoke College Poll. ‘The three Republicans in an important, but not ‘newsy,’ race are mostly unknown, even among Republicans. Handicapping that election today (a feat we did not attempt) would be fraught with error.’” [Washington Times, 6/6/18]

Freitas Called On Stewart To Disavow His Ties With White Supremacists

Freitas Called On Stewart To Disavow His Ties With White Supremacists. “A primary opponent of Virginia U.S. Senate candidate Corey Stewart is questioning the sincerity of his disavowal of ties to white supremacists. Stewart, who is vying for the Republican nomination to unseat incumbent Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine, has retained a political consultant with deep ties to the far right. ‘Due to the pattern and frequency of the relationships, I think he owes us an unequivocal and specific denunciation,’ said Nick Freitas, a House of Delegates member also vying for the GOP nomination, when asked whether Stewart’s denunciation was genuine. Consultant Noel Fritsch, who works for Stewart as a spokesman, was a political consultant for far-right commentator Paul Nehlen, a conspiracy theorist running to take House Speaker Paul Ryan’s seat in Wisconsin’s First Congressional District known for his anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim comments.” [Washington Examiner, 6/7/18]

Stewart Accused Freitas Of Using “Leftist Tactics.” “Freitas told the Washington Post. ‘This isn’t him getting caught in a picture with somebody. This is him proactively associating himself with these people.’ Stewart later responded, ‘It’s sad to see establishment Republicans using leftists tactics of CNN — labeling rule-of-law conservatives racists and bigots — to advance the very same open-border, pro-amnesty agenda the Left wants here in Virginia.’” [Washington Examiner, 6/7/18]

Freitas Stated That He Didn’t Believe Stewart Himself Was Racist, But Had Shown “Horrible Judgment” In Associating With Paul Nehlen. “Last week, a video from early 2017 surfaced in which Mr. Stewart appeared with Paul Nehlen, a past Republican primary challenger to Speaker Paul D. Ryan, and called Mr. Nehlen “one of my personal heroes.’ Since that time, Mr. Nehlen has come under fire for anti-Semitic and racially charged writings and comments online and was ultimately banned from Twitter in February after he posted a racially tinged attack on Meghan Markle, now the British Duchess of Sussex. Mr. Freitas, who has also pressed Mr. Stewart on his connections to Jason Kessler, one of the organizers of the ‘Unite the Right’ rally in Charlottesville in August, said

he doesn't believe his opponent is racist but has shown 'horrible judgment' and that Democrats will try to paint Republicans as bigoted if Mr. Stewart is ultimately the nominee." [Washington Times, 6/11/18]

Freitas Accused Stewart Of Freely Associating With Anti-Semites And Holocaust Deniers. "But in the fundraising email, Freitas, a former Green Beret, unloads, saying that before he faces Kaine, it's his duty to "call out and defeat those who promote the shredding of our shared American values." Freitas singled out: In January 2017, Stewart recorded a video with Paul Nehlen, a right-wing politician in Wisconsin who lost badly in a 2016 GOP primary to House Speaker Paul Ryan. Stewart said Nehlen was 'one of my personal heroes.' "Paul Nehlen is an avowed Holocaust denier, anti-Semite, and vicious racist," Freitas wrote. Stewart in February 2017, as a candidate for governor, appeared at an anti-immigration event in Charlottesville with Jason Kessler, who later coordinated a rally with torches in May at the statue of Robert E. Lee and in August coordinated the "Unite the Right" rally that was premised on protecting the Lee statue and turned deadly. [...] 'Corey Stewart raised Jason's profile, shared his platform with him, and after the torch rally, refused to denounce his activities,' Freitas wrote. 'Even after the 'Unite the Right' Rally, Corey Stewart refused to say a word about his former campaign compatriot.' The Freitas campaign issued a news release Wednesday saying he would be holding a news conference in Richmond on Thursday, but issued a second release saying it had been canceled." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 6/7/18]

Freitas Failed To Secure His Party's Nomination, Earning 43% Of The Primary Vote To Stewart's 45% Of The Republican Primary Vote

Freitas Failed To Secure His Party's Nomination, Earning 43% Of The Primary Vote To Stewart's 45%. "Republican voters in Virginia chose Stewart, who has promised a 'vicious' campaign, over a more mainstream option in Del. Nick Freitas (R-Culpeper), a former Green Beret who had little name recognition but support from the party establishment. Freitas posted a surprisingly strong challenge, with the lead tipping back and forth until the final precincts reported at nearly 9 p.m. and populous Fairfax County put Stewart over the top. Stewart prevailed with about 45 percent of the vote to about 43 percent for Freitas." [Washington Post, 6/12/18]

On The Night Of The Election, Freitas Called Into Breitbart Radio. "Calling in to @BreitbartNews radio at 7:05! Tune in." [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [6/12/18](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [6/12/18](#)]

Stewart Complimented Freitas After Winning The Nomination. "Stewart complimented Freitas on running a tough race. 'He's not going away,' Stewart said. 'Nick Freitas has a future in this party.'" [Free Lance-Star, 6/13/18]

Political Career Pre-2018

2008: Freitas Said That He Was Motivated To Enter Politics When He Heard That Barack Obama Had Been Elected President. “Freitas, a state delegate from Culpeper County, said he first became interested in a political career while an Army Green Beret serving his second tour in Iraq in 2008, when he learned Obama had been elected president. Freitas said he was ‘really confused’ and felt it was wrong that Americans chose ‘a philosophy which was trying to convince them that just handing a little bit more power over to the government, a little bit more freedom, a little bit more of their choices – that the government would take care of them.’” [Virginian-Pilot, 5/2/18]

Endorsements

2018 – U.S. Senate – GOP Primary

National Rifle Association – Political Victory Fund

May 2018: The National Rifle Association Endorsed Freitas In The 2018 GOP Senate Primary. “Freitas was endorsed for the Republican Senate nomination by the National Rifle Association, affixing to his candidacy a measure of legitimacy over the perceived front-runner, Corey Stewart, the Trump sound-alike, and E.W. Jackson, the religious broadcaster who won the 2013 lieutenant governor’s nomination at a low-turnout convention in a crowded field that included Stewart. For Freitas, that is legitimacy as defined by the rigidly right-wing, pistol-packing crowd that controls the GOP, which - given the Trump-induced repudiation of its centrist origins - these days and in these parts stands for Gillespie’s Old Party.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 5/13/18]

May 2018: Freitas Received The Endorsement Of The National Rifle Association – Political Victory Fund. “My record of championing gun rights has earned me the NRA-PVF endorsement. While others talk about defending your gun rights, I’m the only one with a record of thwarting Virginia’s Gun Control Lobby.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [6/8/18](#)]



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Senator Mike Lee, R-UT

2018: Mike Lee Endorsed Freitas. “I am honored to have the endorsements of so many strong, liberty-minded leaders who create positive change in their communities. Together, we will continue to protect our rights and uphold the values that make America truly great.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/27/18](#)]



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June 2018: Rand Paul Campaigned For Freitas. “U.S. Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) will be in Loudoun County this weekend in support of Virginia Del. Nick Freitas’ run for Senate. Freitas is running for Democrat Tim Kaine’s U.S. Senate seat in the 2018 midterm elections.’ Hope to see many of you there!” [Nick Freitas, [6/6/18](#)]



[Nick Freitas, [6/6/18](#)]



[Nick Freitas, [6/9/18](#)]

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Americans For Prosperity, A Koch Brothers Organization, Endorsed Freitas

June Americans For Prosperity, A Koch Brothers Organization, Endorsed Freitas. “The pro-free market group Americans for Prosperity a key part of the Koch brothers’ political network announced Tuesday it’s endorsing state Del. Nick Freitas ahead of the June 12 U.S. Senate Republican primary contest in Virginia. The group says it’s launching a digital ad campaign starting Tuesday, and will be tapping into thousands of activists and volunteers throughout the state to mobilize voters behind Mr. Freitas’ candidacy. ‘As a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, Nick Freitas has been a strong voice for the people of Virginia. He has a record of supporting policies that promote freedom and empower people to improve their lives and communities,” said Americans for Prosperity President Tim Phillips. ‘We urge Virginians to support him.’ The influential group cited Mr. Freitas’ support of the federal tax law, his opposition to a state budget that paved the way for Medicaid expansion this year, and his highlighting the negative effects of tariffs on the economy as reasons for the public support.” [Washington Times, 6/6/18]

HEADLINE: Americans For Prosperity Endorses Nick Freitas In Virginia Senate GOP Primary.
[Washington Times, 6/6/18]

Americans For Prosperity Did Not Endorse Either Candidate In The General Election After Freitas Failed To Secure The Nomination. “Americans for Prosperity, the main political arm of the influential Koch network, said it will not endorse either party’s candidate or put any money into the U.S. Senate race in Virginia after immigration hard-liner Corey A. Stewart’s victory in the Republican primary Tuesday. The group typically spends heavily and deploys activists across the country to support key GOP candidates. Its backing, particularly in a swing

state such as Virginia, could make a big difference in a crucial midterm year when Republicans are fighting to hold on to their majority in both chambers of Congress. But its decision to withhold that support is the latest sign that the powerful network of wealthy donors and well-connected conservative activists is seeking to strike a more independent tone this election, after years of being closely intertwined with Republican campaigns and causes. [...] Americans for Prosperity had endorsed Stewart's primary opponent, Del. Nick Freitas, highlighting among other things Freitas's opposition to tariffs and to Medicaid expansion in Virginia. 'Nick Freitas earned our support by being a champion for policies that lead to more freedom and prosperity for everyone,' AFP-Virginia state director JC Hernandez said in a statement to The Washington Post. 'We stand behind our decision to support a principled lawmaker who has a track record of fighting for policies that would help Virginians improve their lives.'" [Washington Post, 6/14/18]

Former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell

May 2018: Former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell Endorsed Freitas. "Freitas has been endorsed by Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., former governor Bob McDonnell and Morton Blackwell, one of two of Virginia's representatives on the Republican National Committee, as well as many of his colleagues in the legislature." [Virginian-Pilot, 5/5/18]

June 2018: Freitas Hired A Consulting Firm Run By McDonnell. "GOP Senate candidate Nick Freitas hired the consulting business run by former Gov. Bob McDonnell and his sister, Maureen McDonnell, to help with fundraising. Freitas, a state delegate from Culpeper, is vying for the GOP Senate nomination with Corey Stewart, chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, and E.W. Jackson, a minister from Chesapeake. The winner of the June 12 primary will face Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., in November. Freitas paid the McDonnell Group a total of \$29,942.48 in the newest reporting period. Laura Meyers, a spokeswoman for the Freitas campaign, said the campaign specifically hired Maureen McDonnell to be its chief fundraising consultant. [...] With one week to go before the primary, none of the three Republican candidates has gone on TV with ads, although a super PAC that backs U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., is expected to air TV ads promoting Freitas. The Freitas campaign on Tuesday announced new digital and radio ads it said would run statewide. In one, the campaign attacks Stewart's support of tax increases as board chairman in Prince William. Freitas also announced a rally with Paul on Saturday in Leesburg." [Free Lance-Star, 6/6/18]

2020 Campaign – Virginia's 7th Congressional District

Former Rep. Dave Brat (R, VA-07)

March 2020: Former Rep. Dave Brat Endorsed Freitas. "Dave Brat, the former 7th District Republican congressman ousted by Democrat Abigail Spanberger in 2018, is endorsing Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, to run against Spanberger this year. Brat announced Tuesday that he's backing Freitas over Del. John McGuire, R-Goochland, and Chesterfield County nonprofit leader Tina Ramirez in the Republican primary for the contest—one of the key races nationwide as Republicans look to regain control of the House of Representatives. The Freitas campaign said it's Brat's first ever endorsement in a Republican primary contest. 'Throughout my time in office, I maintained a tradition of not endorsing during Republican primary contests,' Brat said. 'However, as I look at the battles in front of us in 2020 with my time in elected office behind me, I have decided that there is no more important time to break that tradition in order to give my full and unconditional endorsement to Nick Freitas in the Republican primary for Virginia's 7th Congressional District.'" [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [3/10/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Former Rep. Dave Brat Endorses Del. Nick Freitas In GOP Contest To Run Against Spanberger. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [3/10/20](#)]

Freitas Said He Wanted Dave Brat To Run For Congress Again: "He Was An Outstanding Congressman." "I wanted Dave Brat to be up here,' Freitas said of Saturday's forum. He said he tried to persuade the ex-congressman from Glen Allen to run again, having raised money and shot campaign videos for him. 'He was an

outstanding congressman,' Freitas said, leading attendees in applause for Brat and his family." [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [1/26/20](#)]

Gun Owners Of America (GOA)

January 2020: Gun Owners Of America Endorsed Freitas. "Gun Owners of America Political Victory Fund (GOA-PVF) announces the endorsement of Delegate Nick Freitas for Virginia's Seventh Congressional District. 'Nick Freitas is the definition of a Second Amendment champion,' Erich Pratt, Senior Vice President of GOA said. 'GOA-PVF proudly backs his bid for Congress in Virginia's Seventh District.' As a member of Virginia's House of Delegates, Nick Freitas has made the right to keep and bear arms a priority, as he has introduced pro-gun measures such as Constitutional Carry. Furthermore, he rose to national attention with his powerful speech on the floor of the House of Delegates that defended the right of self-defense. However, Nick's opponent, Abigail Spanberger, does not share such views on the right to keep and bear arms. 'Spanberger would prefer that the vulnerable be defenseless, rather than defended,' Antonia Okafor, GOA's Director of Outreach, said. 'Nick Freitas understands how the right to self-defense empowers and protects our most vulnerable. He is just the candidate to send the gun-hating Spanberger packing.'" [Gun Owners of America, 1/20/20]

The GOA Has Attempted To Push The NRA TO Be More Overtly Partisan. "In recent years, groups like GOA and National Association for Gun Rights have stifled legislation, helped unseat lawmakers, and moved the Overton Window of the gun debate. As much as any other factor, they are credited (or blamed) with pushing the NRA to become a more overtly partisan institution, as the famed gun-rights lobby fears it could be outflanked from the right." [Daily Beast, [3/1/18](#)]

HEADLINE: These Groups Make the NRA Look Like a Bastion of Moderation—And They Could Determine the Current Gun Debate." [Daily Beast, [3/1/18](#)]

Senator Rand Paul, R-KY

December 2019: Rand Paul Endorsed Freitas. "A well-known Republican libertarian-leaning politician in Washington, D.C. has endorsed a prominent local conservative Republican for Congress. U.S. Senator Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, on Tuesday lent his support to Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper. Freitas announced Monday his intent to run against Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-7th, in next year's congressional election. 'Nick is a true fiscal conservative who values individual rights, property rights and liberty,' Paul stated in a fundraising email from the Freitas campaign. 'Nick has pushed for the strictest civil asset forfeiture reform bills and continues to take a strong stance when it comes to occupational licensing.' Son of presidential candidate Ron Paul, the U.S. Senator went on, 'For far too long Congress has not honored our founding documents and trampled over our God-given Constitutional rights. We need Nick in Congress to fight for our individual rights and upholding the Constitution.'" [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [12/4/19](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/4/19](#)]

Senator Mike Lee, R-UT

December 2019: Mike Lee Endorsed Freitas. “U.S. Senator Mike Lee, R-Utah, also endorsed Freitas on Monday, according to the campaign. ‘Senator Rand Paul and Senator Mike Lee are two leaders that conservatives across the country trust because they fight for what they believe in—ensuring all Americans have the freedom to achieve the American Dream. I’m honored to have their full support as we fight to retake the 7th District,’ Freitas said in a statement.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [12/4/19](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/4/19](#)]

Senator Ted Cruz, R-TX

December 2019: Ted Cruz Endorsed Freitas. “A former Green Beret who served two tours in Iraq, Freitas received endorsements from Sens. Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, and Mike Lee earlier this month. ‘Nick Freitas goes where the fight is, whether it’s leading Green Berets in combat in Iraq or standing for our conservative values in Virginia. We need people like Nick in Washington to help us fight for lower spending, the 2nd Amendment, and our veterans,’ Cruz said in a statement.” [Washington Examiner, 12/19/19]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/19/19](#)]

Pete Snyder, CEO-Disruptor Capital

December 2019: Snyder Endorsed Freitas. “Thank you for your support @petesnyder! #VA07.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/3/19](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/3/19](#)]

Club For Growth

December 2019: Club For Growth Endorsed Freitas For His Run In VA-07

December 2019: Club For Growth PAC Endorsed Freitas. “Club for Growth PAC announced the endorsement of Virginia Delegate Nick Freitas for Virginia’s 7th Congressional District, and Club for Growth PAC President David McIntosh issued the following statement. ‘Nick Freitas is a principled, pro-growth conservative and well positioned to win the Republican primary and beat the liberal Pelosi loyalist, Rep. Abigail Spanberger,’ said McIntosh. ‘Despite claiming to be independent on the campaign trail, Spanberger voted with Nancy Pelosi and the emerging socialist wing of the Democratic party once she got into office, not a good fit for a district that President Trump won by more than 6%.’ This summer, Club for Growth released an analysis of the voting records of newly elected Democrat members of the House of Representatives in districts that were previously held by Republicans. Rep. Spanberger has voted with Speaker Nancy Pelosi 92.86% of the time and with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez 89.23% of the time. Club for Growth PACs support principled, pro-growth conservatives in key elections across the country. In 2018, Club for Growth PACs won 14 of 17 races on Election Day while maintaining 8.9% overhead.” [Club for Growth PAC, [12/2/19](#)]

January 2020: Club For Growth Registered The Domain District7convention.com

1/13/20: According To The Internet Corporation For Assigned Names And Numbers (ICANN), The Domain District7convention.com Was Created. [ICANN, Accessed 6/29/20]

Domain Information
Name: DISTRICT7CONVENTION.COM
Registry Domain ID: 2479980647_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
Domain Status: clientDeleteProhibited clientRenewProhibited clientTransferProhibited clientUpdateProhibited
Nameservers: PDNS05.DOMAINCONTROL.COM PDNS06.DOMAINCONTROL.COM
Dates
Registry Expiration: 2021-01-13 21:55:31 UTC
Created: 2020-01-13 21:55:31 UTC

[ICANN, Accessed 6/29/20]

As Of June 2020, The Website District7convention.com Displayed Information Regarding The Convention Without Any Particular Information Regarding Candidates. [District7convention.com, [6/29/20](#)]

The Website Indicated That It Was Paid For By Club For Growth. [District7convention.com, [6/29/20](#)]



[District7convention.com, [6/29/20](#)]

Ahead Of The VA-07 Convention, Club For Growth Sent Mailers In Support Of Freitas Titled “Team Trump Picks Nick Freitas For Congress”

June 2020: Club For Growth Mailer Sent Ahead Of VA-07 Republican Convention.



[Brandon Jaaavis, Twitter, [6/26/20](#)]

(Reverse)

Republican Nick Freitas is supported by Team Trump



"We have a great shot to win this seat back, but only with a strong candidate like Nick Freitas."

— Congressman Devin Nunes

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That's why we need to elect solid conservatives like Nick Freitas who will support our President.

Republican Nick Freitas stands with Donald Trump and will fight to:

- Lower taxes
- Protect life
- Defend the 2nd Amendment
- Secure our borders
- Support law enforcement and first responders

Top Trump Activists and Allies Pick Nick Freitas for Congress

- U.S. Senator Ted Cruz
- Congressman Dan Crenshaw, Navy Seal/Top Trump Ally
- Congressman Devin Nunes, Top Trump Congressional Ally
- Senator Bryce Reeves, Virginia Trump Leadership Team
- David Bossie, National Deputy Campaign Manager for Trump
- Mark Lloyd, Deputy Campaign Director for Trump
- John Fredericks, Virginia Co-Chair for Trump
- Mike Rubino, Trump Advisor

Vote Nick Freitas for Congress at the July 18th convention.
For more information, visit www.district7convention.com.

[Brandon Jaaavis, Twitter, [6/26/20](#)]

Personal Political Donations

Freitas Contributed \$8,501.28 To Federal Candidates And Committees

Nick Freitas Federal Contributions				
Date	Contributor Name	Occupation	Committee Name	Total Contributions
5/17/20	Freitas, Nick	Gt Consulting	Friends Of Matt Gurtler, Inc.	\$250.00
3/27/20	Freitas, Nick J	Gtc	Thomas Massie For Congress	\$250.00
1/11/20	Freitas, Nick J	Gtc	Thomas Massie For Congress	\$250.00
9/8/19	Freitas, Nick	Gold Team Consulting	Brakey For Congress	\$500.00
10/5/18	Freitas, Nick	Gold Team Consulting	Friends Of Denver Riggleman, Inc.	\$250.00
9/15/18	Freitas, Nick	Gold Team Consulting	Friends Of Denver Riggleman, Inc.	\$500.00
8/15/18	Freitas, Nick	Gold Team Consulting	Friends Of Denver Riggleman, Inc.	\$500.00
7/14/18	Freitas, Nick	Gold Team Consulting	Friends Of Denver Riggleman, Inc.	\$500.00
6/30/18	Freitas, Nick	Candidate	Austin Petersen For Us Senate	\$2,000.00
6/30/18	Freitas, Nick	Gold Team Consulting	Friends Of Denver Riggleman, Inc.	\$250.00
5/2/18	Freitas, Nick	Blue Light	Maga Coalition Inc	\$250.00
12/12/17	Freitas, Nick J.	Blue Light Llc	Republican Party Of Virginia Inc	\$276.28
12/11/17	Freitas, Nick J.	Blue Light Llc	Republican Party Of Virginia Inc	\$2,500.00
12/6/16	Freitas, Nick J.	Blue Light Llc	Republican Party Of Virginia Inc	\$225.00
			TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$8,501.28

[FEC, Individual Contributions, accessed [6/29/20](#)]

Freitas Contributed \$2,950 To State-Level Candidates And Committees In Virginia

Nick Freitas State Contributions			
Date	Contributor Name	Committee Name	Total Contributions
6/26/17	Freitas, Nick	Adam Roosevelt for Delegate	\$200.00
9/27/16	Freitas, Nick	Revitalize Virginia PAC	\$109.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS			\$309.00

[Virginia Public Access Project. accessed [6/25/20](#)]

Extreme Rhetoric

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas suggested that the solution to a prospective Bernie Sanders Presidency would be an armed insurrection, referencing the 1984 Film “Red Dawn.”*
- ✓ *Freitas wore a shirt that served as the unofficial uniform of the “Boogaloo” extremist movement at the height of media attention around the group.*
- ✓ *In January 2020, three neo-Nazis were arrested ahead of a gun rally in Richmond that Freitas supported and spoke at.*
 - ✓ *Freitas said that he did not want neo-Nazis to come to the Rally in Richmond.*
 - ✓ *Even after the arrests, credible threats caused Freitas’ colleague in the House of Delegates to spend the day of the rally in a safe house and for the Governor to declare a state of emergency.*

Freitas Advocated Armed Insurrection Against The Government

February 2020: Freitas Referenced The 1984 Film “Red Dawn” When Alluding To A Potential Bernie Sanders Administration

February 2020: Freitas Referenced The 1984 Film “Red Dawn” When Alluding To A Potential Bernie Sanders Administration. “Where are my 1980’s freedom fighters at!?!?...#RedDawn.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/29/20](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/29/20](#)]

“Red Dawn” Focused On Armed Teenage Guerilla Fighters In The Aftermath Of A Soviet Invasion Of The United States. “Set at an indeterminate point in the future, this drama with an overt anti-communist message begins as an ostensible war movie: Russian and Cuban forces have invaded the U.S. and are viciously eliminating the inhabitants of a small town, when a group of teens escapes and plans a counterattack. [...] After a successful ambush, the teen guerrillas gear up for future forays, when they are suddenly betrayed by one of their number and by doubts about the morality of what they are doing.” [Rotten Tomatoes, accessed [6/11/20](#)]

Freitas Referenced The Flag Of Virginia When Discussing Gun Control, Implying Violence If The Virginia Government Continued To “Do Tyrant Stuff”

Freitas Referenced The Flag Of Virginia When Discussing Gun Control, Implying Violence If The Virginia Government Continued To “Do Tyrant Stuff.” “FREITAS: ‘You know, it’s fascinating to me because if you look at US history, and specifically Virginia history, there’s a lot that the American people put up with from the legislators and from their government, but when you come for our guns, that’s when we start getting very, very irritated. When you have a state flag with a dead tyrant on the ground, that’s our way of telling you, don’t do tyrant stuff.’ [STRONG AUDIENCE APPLAUSE].” [Culpeper Republican Committee Reagan Dinner, [2/22/20](#)]

Freitas: The Second Amendment Is “There So That People Can Actually Defend Themselves And So That They Can Actually Fight Back Against Tyranny.” “So it’s not just about legislation. It is about fostering a culture that respects our second amendment rights and truly understands the reason why it’s there in the first place. Because it’s not there for hunting. It’s not there for gun collecting. It’s there so that people can actually defend themselves and so that they can actually fight back against tyranny, whether that tyranny comes from a criminal organization or whether that tyranny comes from, you know, a foreign threat or a government. And so get them comfortable with it. Because this is not just a legislative battle, it is a cultural one.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:14:10, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Wore A Shirt Connected To The Extremist “Boogaloo” Movement That Sought To Ignite A Race War, But Denied Any Connection With The Extremist Faction

June 2020: Freitas Appeared On A Right-Wing Podcast Wearing A Hawaiian Shirt

6/3/20: Freitas Appeared On The Right-Wing Podcast “Liberty Pub” Wearing A Hawaiian Shirt. “FREITAS: Well, first of all, I feel obligated to defend my fashion sense. I have not been able to wear a Hawaiian shirt for like months now, so I will not apologize.” [Free The People, YouTube, 42:10, [6/3/20](#)]



Mid-2020: The “Boogaloo” Movement Rose To Prominence And Was Strongly Associated With Hawaiian Shirts

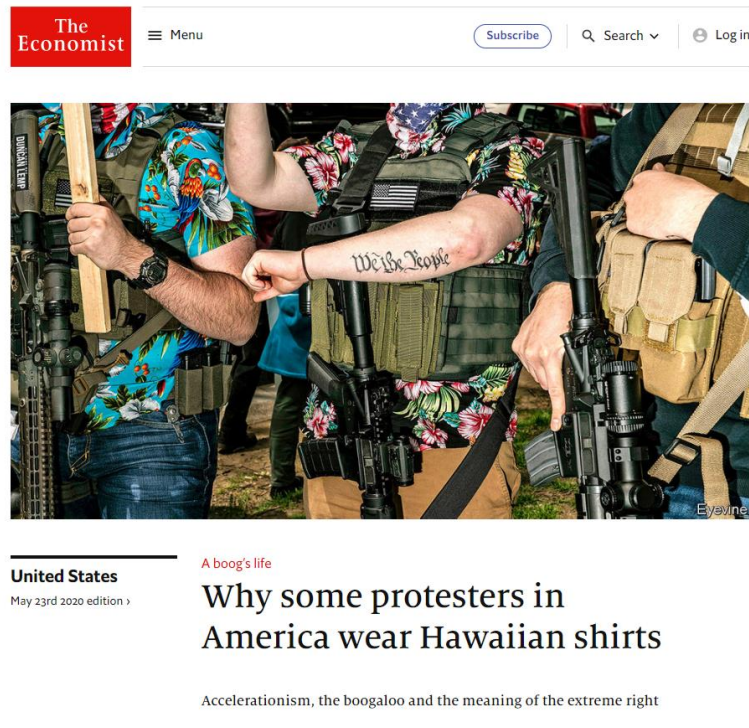
The Boogaloo Movement, Whose Name Derives From A 1980s Film, Advocates For Targeted Violence And Civil War To Defeat Liberalism. “An anti-government movement that advocates for a violent uprising targeting liberal political opponents and law enforcement has moved from the fringes of the internet into the mainstream and surged on social media in recent months, according to a group of researchers that tracks hate groups. The movement, which says it wants a second Civil War organized around the term ‘boogaloo,’ includes groups on mainstream internet platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Reddit, as well as fringe websites including 4chan, according to a report released Tuesday night by the Network Contagion Research Institute (NCRI), an independent nonprofit of scientists and engineers that tracks and reports on misinformation and hate speech across social media. [...] The current boogaloo movement was first noticed by extremism researchers in 2019, when fringe groups from gun rights and militia movements to white supremacists began referring to an impending civil war using the word ‘boogaloo,’ a joking reference to “Breakin’ 2: Electric Boogaloo,” a 1984 sequel movie about breakdancing.” [NBC News, [6/30/20](#)]

The Hawaiian Shirt Was The Unofficial Uniform Of The Boogaloo Movement. “The nationwide protests over police brutality and the killing of George Floyd have attracted attention from some members of an extremist online

subculture: the so-called “boogaloo” movement. Believers in boogaloo ideology — a focus on visible gun ownership, with some advocating for a violent civil war against the federal government — have shown up to protests in Minneapolis, Las Vegas, and other cities, sometimes wearing Hawaiian shirts (based on a movement in-joke) and carrying large guns.” [Vox, [6/8/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Men Wearing Hawaiian Shirts And Carrying Guns Add A Volatile New Element To Protests. [Washington Post, [6/4/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Why Some Protesters In America Wear Hawaiian Shirts. [The Economist, [5/23/20](#)]



[The Economist, [5/23/20](#)]

HEADLINE: ‘Boogaloo Boys’ Prepare For Next American Civil War In Hawaiian Shirts. [The Times (London, UK) [5/16/20](#)]

June 2020: A Man With Ties To The Movement Was Charged With The Murder Of A Santa Cruz, CA Sheriff’s Deputy

June 2020: A Man With Ties To The Movement Was Charged With The Murder Of A Santa Cruz, CA Sheriff’s Deputy. “Steven Carrillo, a California man who was charged with murder after he ambushed two Santa Cruz County deputies, scrawled phrases tied to an online far-right extremist movement in blood on a car shortly before he was detained. Carrillo killed Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller, critically injured another deputy and threw pipe bombs at police on June 6th, Santa Cruz District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell alleged on Thursday. Before he was apprehended, Carrillo scrawled the word ‘boog’ and ‘I became unreasonable’ in blood on the hood of a car. ‘Boog’ is short for boogaloo, a far-right anti-government movement that began on the extremist site 4chan and aims to start a second American civil war.” [NBC News, [6/30/20](#)]

January 2020: The FBI Arrested Three Suspected Neo-Nazis Ahead Of A Gun Rally In Richmond That Freitas Attended And Addressed

January 2020: Gov. Northam Issued An Emergency Declaration Ahead Of A Richmond Gun Rally On Martin Luther King Day Based On Credible Threats From Extremist Groups. “Bracing for the possibility of violence ahead of a rally to protest efforts to enact sweeping new gun control measures in Virginia, Gov. Ralph Northam on Wednesday declared a state of emergency and announced a temporary ban on weapons on the grounds of the State Capitol. Thousands of protesters are expected to converge in Richmond on Monday to oppose a series of proposed restrictions on gun purchases expected to be taken up in the coming weeks by the Virginia Legislature, where Democrats control both chambers and the governor’s office for the first time in a generation. The governor said on Twitter that the authorities had identified credible ‘threats of violence,’ including from out-of-state militia groups and hate groups that planned disruptions. He said the authorities had also found extremist rhetoric online similar to what had been seen in 2017 before the Charlottesville rally, when white nationalists and counterprotesters clashed in a deadly fight over the removal of Confederate monuments.” [New York Times, [1/17/20](#)]

Three Suspected Neo-Nazis Were Arrested Ahead Of The Rally. “Members of numerous armed militias and white power proponents vowed to converge on the city despite the state of emergency declared by Gov. Ralph Northam, who temporarily banned weapons from the grounds of the State Capitol. The potential for an armed confrontation prompted fears of a rerun of the 2017 far-right rally that left one person dead and some two dozen injured in Charlottesville, about an hour’s drive from Monday’s rally. The unease increased after the F.B.I. announced the arrest on Thursday of three armed men suspected of being members of a neo-Nazi hate group, including a former Canadian Army reservist, who had obtained weapons and discussed participating in the Richmond rally. The men were linked to the Base, a group that aims to create a white ethnostate, according to the F.B.I. For weeks, discussions about the rally have lit up Facebook pages and chat rooms frequented by militia members and white supremacists. Various extremist organizations or their adherents are calling Monday’s rally the ‘boogaloo’ In the lexicon of white supremacists, that is an event that will accelerate the race war they have anticipated for decades.” [New York Times, [1/16/20](#)]

Freitas Attended And Addressed The Rally, While Also Promoting Conspiracy Theories Regarding Jeffrey Epstein. “The rally’s official program included about an hour of speeches on Capitol Square from elected state officials and other gun-rights supporters before demonstrators filed out peacefully into the streets. Many thanked police on the way out. Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, a congressional candidate seeking the GOP nomination to challenge U.S. Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-Henrico, thanked the crowd for showing up despite the spread of information meant to ‘scare’ and ‘intimidate’ rallygoers. ‘The next time they tell you that the government is responsible for your security, just remind them that it was the government that was protecting Jeffrey Epstein. Who, by the way, didn’t kill himself,’ Freitas said, closing his speech with a reference to the high profile financier who was facing charges of sexually abusing dozens of women and girls when he died in his cell last year under mysterious circumstances. The death was ruled a suicide.” [NBC 12, [1/20/20](#)]

Freitas Denounced Neo-Nazis And Said That He Did Not Want Them Joining A Pro-Gun Demonstration In Richmond

Freitas Denounced Neo-Nazis And Said That He Did Not Want Them Joining A Pro-Gun Demonstration In Richmond. “I’ll be happy to say right now, as someone that is a proud advocate of the Second Amendment. If you’re a Neo-Nazi group, I don’t want you to come to Richmond. In fact, I don’t want you to even be in Virginia because you certainly don’t reflect the values of either the Second Amendment movement or what we believe in Virginia, which is the belief in individual liberty equality before the law and proper private property.” [Nick Freitas, Larry O’Connor Show, 1/16/20]

Credible Death Threats Ahead Of The Rally Prompted Delegate Lee Carter To Spend The Day In A Safe House

Credible Threats Ahead Of The Rally Prompted Delegate Lee Carter To Spend The Day In A Safe House. “A planned gun rally in Richmond, Va. on Monday has prompted Governor Ralph Northam to declare a state of

emergency in the commonwealth's capital, citing 'credible intelligence' that many of the demonstrators 'may be armed, and have as their purpose not peaceful assembly but violence, rioting, and insurrection.' Northam instituted a temporary ban on firearms on State Capitol grounds in anticipation of the demonstration. But he's not the only Virginia politician fearful that the protests slated for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Richmond could result in a dangerous clash like the fatal Charlottesville Unite the Right rally in 2017. Facing a series of death threats, Manassas Delegate Lee Carter says he will spend Monday at a safe house instead of the state house, as first reported by Gen." [WAMU, [1/16/20](#)]

Relationships

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2019, Freitas received a massive \$500,000 one-time contribution to his reelection campaign for the Virginia House of Delegates from Richard Uihlein, Republican megadonor and husband of Liz Uihlein, president of the Uline Corporation.*
 - ✓ *The Uihlein family had a long history of contributing to extreme super PACs and far-right organizations.*
 - ✓ *One of the organizations that the Uihleins funneled money to an organization whose ads were deemed racist by the RNC.*
 - ✓ *In 2020, Liz Uihlein contributed money to groups that pushed for premature reopening during the COVID-19 Pandemic.*
- ✓ *In 2020, Freitas described the worldviews of himself and Rep. Spanberger as “incompatible.”*
- ✓ *Freitas had a close political relationship with Rand and Ron Paul, appearing at events for their Young American for Liberty organization.*
- ✓ *October 2019: In response to Beto O’Rourke’s comments on gun control, Freitas called him a “whiny little punk.”*
- ✓ *Freitas praised former rep Dave Brat and said that he “worked hard” for his reelection attempt in 2018.*
- ✓ *In May 2020, Freitas praised Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and his response to COVID-19.*
 - ✓ *July 2020: COVID-19 Infections In Florida Were At An All Time High*

Uihlein Family And Uline Corporation

Billionaire Republican Richard Mega-Donor Showered Half A Million Dollars On Freitas

Billionaire Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein Donated \$500,000 To Freitas’ 2019 Campaign

Billionaire Republican Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein Donated \$500,000 To Freitas’ Write-In Campaign. In September 2019, the Culpeper Star-Exponent reported: “A Chicago area Republican mega-donor has donated \$500,000 to the write-in reelection campaign of Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper. Billionaire businessman Richard Uihlein made the contribution on July 12, according to recently released campaign finance reports for July and August.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [9/18/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “One Virginia Candidate Has Accepted A Massive Donation.” [WVTF, [9/25/19](#)]

Uihlein’s Donation Was The Largest In The History Of The Virginia House Of Delegates. In September 2019, conservative blog Bearing Drift reported: “It was the largest donation in the history of the Virginia House of Delegates — half-a-million dollars from a mystery mega-donor deposited into Culpeper Republican Delegate Nick Freitas’ war chest. Who was the secret money-bags donor? In March 2018, Politico called billionaire Richard

Uihlein ‘the biggest Republican mega-donor you’ve never heard of,’ and profiled the man who had been dumping millions into Libertarian campaigns.” [Bearing Drift, blog, [9/19/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “Freitas Will Report Getting \$500K From GOP Megadonor, Campaign Says.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/19](#)]

Uihlein’s Donation To Freitas Was “Raising Eyebrows Across Virginia.” In September 2019, WVTF reported: “Running for office isn’t cheap, especially when the stakes are as high as they are this year. But one very large campaign contribution is raising eyebrows across Virginia. Wisconsin-based businessman Richard Uihlein is no stranger to Virginia politics. Campaign finance documents show he donated \$160,000 to Republican Ed Gillespie’s campaign for governor, and he gave \$32,000 to the Home School Legal Defense Fund. In July, he cut a check for half a million dollars to Republican Delegate Nick Freitas, an amount that Bob Denton at Virginia Tech says is part of a larger trend.” [WVTF, [9/25/19](#)]

Uihlein’s Donation Gave Freitas A Fighting Chance In His Write-In Campaign

Although Freitas Failed To Qualify For The November Ballot, “The Outside Financial Help Could Help Him Fund A Resource-Intensive [Write-In] Campaign.” In September 2019, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported: “Freitas, a libertarian-leaning former Green Beret who has served in the House of Delegates since 2016, failed to qualify for the November ballot due to missed filing deadlines, but the outside financial help could help him fund a resource-intensive outreach campaign explaining how Republican voters can cast their ballots for him.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/19](#)]

Freitas’ Chances To Hold His Seat Were “Bolstered” By The \$500k From Uihlein. In October 2019, the AP reported: “Freitas’ chances of holding on to his seat have been bolstered by a \$500,000 donation from GOP megadonor Richard Uihlein, an Illinois billionaire.” [AP, [10/20/19](#)]

“Freitas’ Campaign Was Greatly Aided By A \$500,000 Donation” From Uihlein, Which “Dissuaded Democrats From Investing A Lot In The Contest.” In November 2019, the Culpeper Star-Exponent reported: “Freitas’ campaign was greatly aided by a \$500,000 donation from GOP megadonor Richard Uihlein, an Illinois billionaire. That dissuaded Democrats from investing a lot in the contest.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [11/6/19](#)]

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Uihlein Family Contributions To Freitas Campaigns			
Name	Date	Campaign Type	Contribution Amount
Richard Uihlein	7/15/19	Virginia House of Delegates	\$500,000
Richard Uihlein	12/16/19	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/16/19	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/19/19	Congressional-General	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/19/19	Congressional-Primary	-\$2,800 (Refund)
Elizabeth Uihlein	6/26/20	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
TOTAL			\$508,200

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [7/15/20](#)] [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [7/15/20](#)]

Uihlein Represented The Worst Of Big Moneyed Special Interests Trying To Buy Elections

Uihlein And His Wife Were Huge GOP Mega-Donors

Richard Uihlein Was “A Pre-Eminent Megadonor” And Ranked Only Behind Sheldon Adelson And Tom Steyer In Amount Of Campaign Contributions. In August 2018, Politico reported: “Uihlein has emerged on the national scene this cycle as a pre-eminent megadonor. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Uihlein ranks third in the nation with his \$29.1 million in contributions. That’s about on par with conservative Sheldon Adelson’s \$30 million in contributions and Democrat Tom Steyer’s \$29.5 million.” [Politico, [8/17/18](#)]

The Uihleins Were Reported As Having Gave “Tens Of Millions To Conservative Campaigns And Causes,” And Being “One Of The Top Five Courted GOP Donors” In The Country. “Richard also gave \$1.8 million of the \$1.9 million raised by the Restoration PAC to support Wisconsin’s Republican U.S. Senator Ron Johnson. All told the Uihleins have given ‘tens of millions to conservative campaigns and causes,’ as Sourcewatch has noted. Uihlein is ‘one of the top five courted GOP donors’ in the country, one insider told CNN.” [Urban Milwaukee [8/17/17](#)]

MSNBC: Richard Uihlein Became A Large Donor After The 2010 Citizens United Decision. “Richard Uihlein, Lake Forest, IL -- The Illinois businessman became a heavy-weight donor after the Supreme Court’s Citizen’s United decision in 2010. Since then he has contributed heavily to tea party groups like the Club for Growth and Liberty Principles PAC. Uihlein, who along with his wife owns a packaging supply company, has also given to potential 2016 GOP presidential candidates Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.” [MSNBC, 4/8/14]

The Uihlein’s Frequently Financed Shadowy Outside Groups And Super PACs

Uihlein Was America’s Top Donor To Outside Spending Groups In The 2018 Election Cycle. “From 2014 to 2016, the Ed Uihlein Foundation gave TPUSA \$275,000, including \$175,000 in 2016. Richard Uihlein, the founder of a lucrative shipping business and president of this foundation named after his father, is a Republican mega-donor and a ‘free-markets, smaller-government crusader’ from the Chicago area. He and his wife, Elizabeth, spent \$23.7 million on politics during the 2016 election cycle, the ninth-highest total in the country, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. Richard Uihlein made 6- and 7-figure donations to many independent political spending groups including the Unintimidated PAC, which supported Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker; the Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund; and Club For Growth Action. Uihlein is America’s top donor to outside spending groups in the current election cycle.” [International Business Times, [11/28/17](#)]

Since 2015, Uihlein’s Family Foundation Contributed \$250K To American Majority And \$250K To The Americans For Prosperity Foundation. “In April, a conservative group called American Majority, which has received \$250,000 from Uihlein’s family foundation since 2015, helped prevent another potential Republican candidate in the Wisconsin primary. The group circulated an opposition research memo highlighting a series of tweets sent by Nicole Schneider, a trucking heiress who was then considering a senate bid. The tweets included messages critical of prominent Republicans, including Trump, and praising Democrats such as Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). Schneider opted against a senate run. Uihlein’s foundation has given another \$250,000 since 2015 to the Americans for Prosperity Foundation, the 501(c)(3) ‘educational’ arm of libertarian billionaires Charles and David Koch’s political activist organization. In October, AFP’s Wisconsin arm announced a ‘seven figure’ ad campaign targeting Baldwin.” [Daily Beast, [1/16/18](#)]

Uihlein Was Looking Out For His Own Corporate Interests

Richard Uihlein Was CEO Of Uline Inc., A Company With More Than \$2 Billion In Revenue. In November 2014, Forbes reported: “Uihlein is the CEO of Uline Inc. (the name is a play on the family surname), a little-known Wisconsin company that does a booming trade selling shipping and packaging materials to businesses in North America. It has more than \$2 billion in revenues according to press reports and a proprietary corporate database, making it one of America’s largest private companies.” [Forbes, [11/4/14](#)]

Uihlein Owned Packaging Company Uline, And His Wife Wrote Newsletters For The Company Detailing Their “Dislike Of Government Regulation.” In August 2017, the Chicago Tribune reported: “That’s the promise of the latest Uline catalog, the face of the packaging empire owned by Republican megadonors Dick and Liz Uihlein. The Uihleins, of Lake Forest and Wisconsin, have never been shy about sharing their conservative politics with their customers and employees: Liz Uihlein has long written a newsletter on the company website, covering such topics as the couple’s love of Fox News, dislike of government regulation and their complicated views on trade policy.” [Chicago Tribune, [8/11/17](#)]

Uihlein Had A History Of Donating To Extremist Groups And Candidates

Uihlein Was A Big Financial Supporter Of Child Predator And Alabama Senate Candidate Roy Moore

Richard Uihlein Was The Top Contributor To Roy Moore’s Super PAC After He Gave It \$100K, Including A Donation “More Than A Week After The First Allegations Of Sexual Misconduct Against Moore Surfaced.” “A pop-up super PAC that has spent six figures supporting Moore in recent months received the majority of its funds from Wisconsin-based conservative megadonor Richard Uihlein, according to a new FEC filing. The PAC, called Proven Conservative PAC, has spent \$147,649 since being formed in August and received \$100,000 from Uihlein. One of Uihlein’s donations came on Nov. 22, more than a week after the first allegations of sexual misconduct against Moore surfaced, according to the new disclosure.” [Politico Pro, Campaign Pro’s Morning Score, [11/28/17](#)]

Uihlein Gave \$500,000 To Senate Conservatives Action, A Super PAC That Spent \$412,530 Supporting Moore’s Primary Campaign. “The Illinois businessman is also a generous supporter of super PACs. He’s given \$1.5 million to Club for Growth Action, \$250,000 to its affiliate CFG Action Ohio, and \$500,000 to Senate Conservatives Action, a super PAC that spent \$412,530 supporting Moore’s candidacy in the Alabama primary, before the allegations surfaced against him.” [Bloomberg, [11/28/17](#)]

Uihlein Funded A PAC That Inflammatory Ads That Were Deemed Racist By The RNC

Richard Uihlein Was America’s PAC’s Largest Funder. “America’s PAC spokesman Tom Donelson did not immediately respond to a request for comment on his group’s ad, but in the past has said he believes Republicans can pick up votes from black and Latino voters who tend to be conservative on social issues... Records show the group’s largest funder is Richard Uihlein, CEO of the Uline shipping supply company headquartered in Pleasant Prairie.” [Capital Times, 07/13/16]

America’s PAC 527 Focused On Promoting Free-Market, Conservative Principles, Especially To African-American And Hispanic Audiences. “Americas PAC has produced, written, and/or directed more than 300 TV and radio spots for conservative candidates and causes. Over the last four election cycles we have been responsible for the placement of roughly 60,000 spots targeting conservative messages to African Americans, 80,000 ads targeting conservative messages to Spanish-speakers, and 20,000 ads promoting the GOP’s free market principles on suburban and medium sized market radio in purple states. We have conducted exhaustive research and found that many minority voters share our values and goals but they still continue to vote Democrat. [...] With large percentages of minority voters supporting marriage, lower taxes, school choice and pro-life positions but voting Democratic, our goal is to ask for their vote without compromising our conservative views.” [America’s PAC, [5/22/17](#)]

In 2000, America’s PAC Founder Aired Ad On School Choice Where Parents Said Their Son’s School “Was A Bit More Diversity Than He Could Handle.” “That approach sometimes landed Nadler in hot water. In 2000, two years before Nadler founded America’s PAC, he wrote a school choice ad in which two parents complained that their son’s violent school ‘was a bit more diversity than he could handle.’ Both George W. Bush’s presidential

campaign and the Republican National Committee denounced the ad, with the latter calling it ‘racist or race-baiting in intent,’ the New York Sun reported.” [Mother Jones, [10/10/14](#)]

The Ad Was Denounced As “Racist” By The Republican National Committee. “The new ad is similar to others run in past campaigns by the Iowa-based America’s PAC, which is spending \$66,000 to air the spot in southeastern Wisconsin, according to Federal Election Commission records. [...] The group has taken heat from both Democrats and Republicans in previous elections. A 2000 school choice ad was called ‘racist or race-baiting in intent’ by the Republican National Committee and denounced as ‘inappropriate’ by George W. Bush’s presidential campaign. The ad featured a white parent complaining that his child’s public school had ‘a bit more diversity’ than he could handle. Records show the group’s largest funder is Richard Uihlein, CEO of the Uline shipping supply company headquartered in Pleasant Prairie.” [Capital Times, 07/13/16]

In 2006, America’s PAC Aired \$1 Million In Radio Spots That Were Considered Inflammatory And Repulsive, Including Ads About Abortion. “The abortion ad is classic America’s PAC. The group turned heads in the 2006 elections when it aired nearly \$1 million in radio spots that critics derided as inflammatory and ‘repulsive.’ One of these ads was nearly identical to this year’s abortion spot.” [Mother Jones, [10/10/14](#)]

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In 2016, America’s PAC Ran Radio Ads Attacking Russ Feingold On Choice, Asking Him If He Did Not Want Hispanic Babies To Be Born. “A Spanish-language radio ad from a controversial political group accuses Russ Feingold of not wanting Hispanic babies to be born, in an effort to persuade Latino voters to support Republican Sen. Ron Johnson in November. ‘I have a question for Feingold. Why should you have my vote if you don’t want our babies?’ a woman asks in an ad airing on Spanish-language and gospel radio stations in the Milwaukee and Racine markets. The ad opens with a man asking whether it matters to Feingold that ‘Hispanic babies are twice as likely to be aborted as white babies.’ [...] The new ad is similar to others run in past campaigns by the Iowa-based America’s PAC, which is spending \$66,000 to air the spot in southeastern Wisconsin, according to FEC records.” [Capital Times, [7/6/16](#)]

Uline CEO Liz Uihlein Lobbied For Efforts For A Premature Reopening From COVID-19 Shutdowns And Supported The Trump-Backed “Liberate” Movement

Liz Uihlein Called COVID-19 “Overhyped” And Pushed To End Lockdown Measures In The Uline Company’s Home State Of Wisconsin

Liz Uihlein Called COVID-19 “Overhyped.” “One of Donald Trump’s most fervent billionaire donors is lobbying against strict stay-at-home rules in the election battleground state of Wisconsin, raising troubling new questions about how the president’s rightwing financial supporters may influence the US response to the pandemic. Liz Uihlein, the billionaire behind Wisconsin’s Uline shipping and packaging company – who with her husband, Richard, has been dubbed the most ‘powerful conservative couple you’ve never heard of’ – is using her clout to try to force Wisconsin’s Democratic governor to relax stay-at-home rules, claiming that the crisis has been ‘overhyped’ by the media.” [The Guardian, [4/23/20](#)]

HEADLINE: “It’s Overhyped”: Trump Mega-Donor Pushes To End Wisconsin’s Stay-At-Home Order.
[The Guardian, [4/23/20](#)]

Liz Uihlein Lobbied State Legislators To Have Governor Tony Evers Removed From Office In Response To COVID-19 Lockdowns. “Her actions – from lobbying Republican legislators in the state to circulating a petition to employees to have the governor, Tony Evers, removed from office – come as two protests have been organized against the Democratic governor on Friday.” [The Guardian, [4/23/20](#)]

Organizers Of Anti-Lockdown Protests Refused To Disclose If The Uihlein Family Was Funding Them. “While organizers of both protests have claimed they are part of a ‘grassroots’ movement, another prominent Trump supporter and friend of the Uihleins, Stephen Moore, who compared the rightwing protesters to the civil rights icon Rosa Parks, has said a ‘large Wisconsin donor’ was supporting the protests. Asked by the Guardian whether the Uihleins were supporting the effort, Moore said he had not disclosed the donor and hung up.” [The Guardian, [4/23/20](#)]

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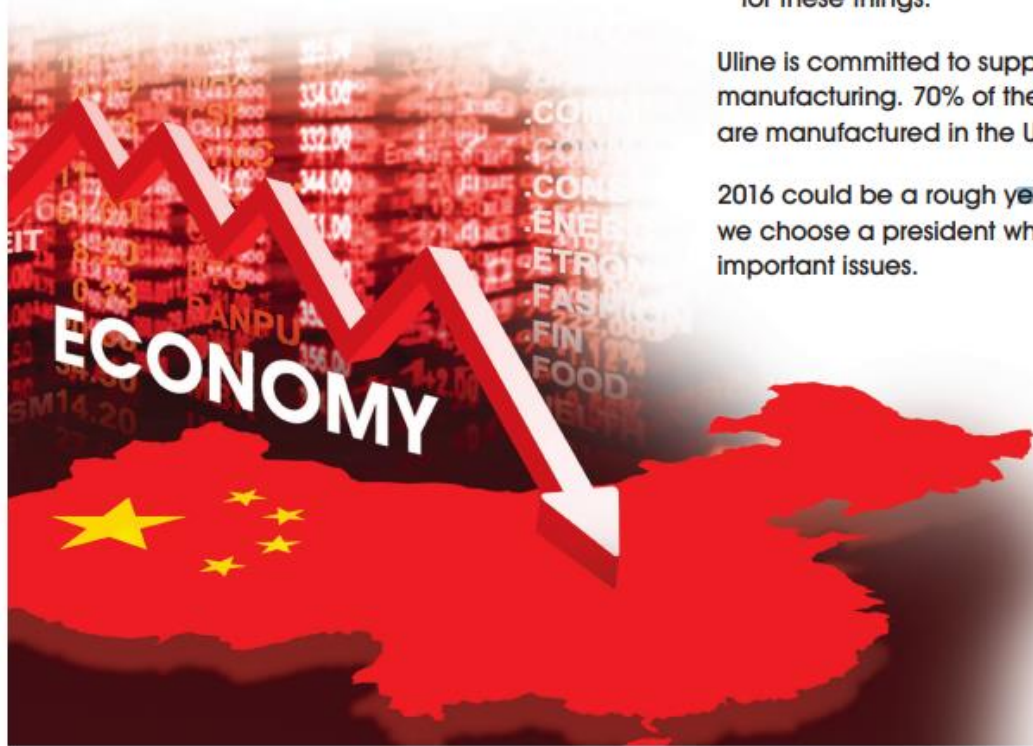
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Rep. Abigail Spanberger

Freitas Said That His And Rep. Spanberger's Worldviews "Are Going To Be Able To Coexist"

January 2020: Freitas Stated That He And Rep. Spanberger have "Two Competing Worldviews." "FREITAS: 'But what this really comes down to is that As I look across the space and the reason why I'm running for Congress right now, is that simply because Abigail Spanberger I think is doing a horrible job of representing the seventh district. But it's because we have two competing worldviews.'" [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Freitas That These Worldviews "Are Not Going To Be Able To Coexist With One Another." "FREITAS: 'Yeah, right now, and those worldviews I'm sorry, are not going to be able to coexist with one another, because Abigail's worldview and the worldview of the demo of the new modern Democratic Party is, do what we want through the force of government or we will punish you, we will tax you, we will find you, we will confiscate your property, we will put you in jail if you resist or not. And then there's our philosophy, our philosophy, which actually believes in the whole idea that every human being has inherent value because they were created in the image of God. And the government's core responsibility is not to create rights for them, but rather to protect the God given rights that they were already born with.'" [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Freitas Said That His Worldview Was Rooted In The Idea That The Divinely Ordained Purpose Of Government "Is Not To Run Our Lives For Us." "FREITAS: 'America is not just a conveniently placed piece of geography in between two oceans, it is a philosophy. And as I see the fight that's going on right now, in this country, it's not just between Republican and Democrat, it is between two different very distinct worldviews, and whether or not we're going to continue to fight for the idea of individual liberty, and the belief that all of us are beautifully, wonderfully created in the image of God with a unique purpose to fulfill. And government's role in that fulfillment is not to run our lives for us. It's to protect our rights so that we can live our lives and pursue happiness in accordance with our definition of it, not a politicians.'" [Goochland Tea Party Town Hall, 3/12/20]

Young Americans For Liberty – Ron Paul

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Freitas Credits “One Of The Best Organizations Out There” Young Americans For Liberty For Helping Him Win Write-In Campaign. “I want to talk to you about Young Americans for Liberty, Operation Win at the Door. This is bar none one of the best organizations out there to ensure that we get liberty candidates elected and reelected. And I know what I’m talking about. Because last year when I had to run for reelection, I had to do it as a write-in candidate. And many people told us it could not be done. But Young Americans for Liberty showed up, they knocked on thousands of doors. And as a result, we not only won reelection, we did it overwhelmingly.” [Freitas Twitter video, 0:02, [6/22/20](#)]

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Dave Brat

Freitas Praised Dave Brat And Said That He Worked “So Hard” To Get Him Reelected In 2018

Freitas Said That He “Fought So Hard To Get Dave Brat Reelected” In 2018. “The reason why I fought so hard in 2018 to get Dave Brat reelected, is because I thought we had a great Congressman. And I was right!” [Kindred Spirit Brewing Meet And Greet, [2/11/20](#)]

Freitas Thinks Dave Brat “Did A Great Job And Was A Very Hard Worker” In Congress. “When I got asked to consider running for 7th district, um, the first thing I said was, I want to call Dave because if I can convince Dave to run again, that’s, that’s who I want to run. We worked, Tina and I both worked very, very hard to try to get Dave reelected. You know, knocking doors, making phone calls, putting out yard signs, donating money. Um, we, we

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July 2020: COVID-19 Infections In Florida Were At An All Time High

July 2020: Florida Hit A Record 15,300 COVID-19 Cases In A Single Day. "Florida on Sunday reported a record 15,300 new coronavirus cases, the most by any state in a single day and a bleak sign of the United States's failure to control the pandemic about six months after the first infection surfaced in the country. The staggering number was the result of both increased testing and widespread community transmission that has affected the state's population centers as well as its rural areas. It shattered previous highs of 11,694 reported by California last week and 11,571 reported by New York on April 15." [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

A University Of Florida Professor Saw No End In Sight With “Florida Largely Open For Business.”

“With Florida largely open for business, I don’t expect this surge to slow,” wrote Natalie E. Dean, an assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of Florida.” [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Florida Shatters Single-Day Infection Record With 15,300 New Cases. [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

Florida Was Aggressive In Reopening Under DeSantis, But Was Forced To Close Bars Again In July. Florida is now one of the main contributors to the surge in U.S. cases, and new cases in the state are surpassing even what New York had reported at the pandemic’s height there in March and April. The state was one of the most aggressive in its economic reopening, but all bars in Florida have been ordered to close once again. Unlike many other states with a spike in cases, though, DeSantis has not mandated mask-wearing statewide and ignored questions about a mask mandate at the news conference Monday.

HEADLINE: Florida Sets Coronavirus Death Record, Hours After Gov. DeSantis Said State Had “Stabilized.” [Forbes, [7/14/20](#)]

Gov. DeSantis’ Was Criticized For Lack Of Leadership Amid The Spike In Cases. “If coronavirus were a hurricane, it seemed to reach Category 5 status over the weekend. More than ever, Florida needs decisive, resolute guidance to get through this storm. Instead, Ron DeSantis continues to muddle and spin his way through. For every good move, there have been too many missteps.” [Orlando Sentinel Editorial, [7/13/20](#)]

EDITORIAL: Ron DeSantis Should Lead Or Get Out Of The Way On Coronavirus. [Orlando Sentinel Editorial, [7/13/20](#)]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ *During the 2018 Virginia Senate Republican Primary, Freitas presented contrasting stances regarding loyalty to Donald Trump.*
- ✓ *Freitas said that he would “lead the charge” implementing Trump’s agenda in the United States Senate.*
- ✓ *Freitas questioned the idea of signing a loyalty oath to Trump, stating that the members of Congress swear oaths to the Constitution.*
- ✓ *Regarding Trump’s foreign policy agenda, Freitas said that “Donald Trump has the right idea” and that “we are not the world’s police force.”*
- ✓ *Freitas was a vehement opponent of impeachment and used it to jumpstart his campaign.*
 - ✓ *Freitas’ campaign sold impeachment themed merchandise mocking the process and accusing Democrats of manufacturing claims against Trump.*
- ✓ *Freitas claimed that Donald Trump polled better among minority voters “than other Republicans” due to his handling of the economy.*
- ✓ *Freitas said that in spite of criticisms for his incessant tweeting, Trump should not “get off the toilet.”*
- ✓ *Freitas compared Trump to George Washington and the 2020 election to Valley Forge.*

Loyalty To Trump

May 2018: Freitas Said That He Would “Lead The Charge” Implementing Trump’s Agenda

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June 2018: Freitas Opposed The Idea Of Signing A “Loyalty Oath” To Trump

June 2018: Freitas Opposed The Idea Of Signing A “Loyalty Oath” To Trump. “Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart has billed himself as the only true pro-Trump candidate, saying people want a ‘Republican with balls’ and launching attention-grabbing stunts such as waving toilet paper outside the state Capitol to criticize fellow Republicans. State Delegate Nick Freitas has been more muted, saying he supports key aspects of the president’s agenda but that senators don’t sign a ‘loyalty oath,’ and that he is the candidate who can be trusted to advocate for reducing the size and scope of government.” [Washington Times, 6/11/18]

Freitas Said That The Only Oath Of A U.S. Senator Was To The Constitution. ““But by the same token, a U.S. senator or any representative of the people we don’t sign a loyalty oath to a chief executive,” he said. ‘Our oath is to the Constitution it’s to the principles which reinforce and protect people’s constitutional and God-given rights.’

Mr. Freitas has won support from a number of Republican state legislators, outside free-market-oriented groups including Americans for Prosperity, and Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who joined him at a rally over the weekend in Loudoun County.” [Washington Times, 6/11/18]

Freitas Emphasized That He Supported Trump’s Record On Taxes, Regulations, And Defense. “He says he likes what he has seen so far from Mr. Trump on taxes, regulations and national defense and that he plans to support the president’s efforts in all those areas.” [Washington Times, 6/11/18]

Corey Stewart Accused Freitas Of Being Insufficiently Loyal To Trump

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Trump Foreign Policy

May 2018: Freitas Said That “Donald Trump Has The Right Idea” And That “We Are Not The World’s Police Force”

May 2018: Freitas Said That “Donald Trump Has The Right Idea” “We Are Not The World’s Police Force.” “‘Donald Trump has the right idea. Build up the military. Walk softly, but carry a big stick - and we are not the world’s police force,’ Freitas said. He also mentioned reforming...the VA, giving veterans a better experience...after leaving the military.’” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [6/8/18](#)]

Freitas Praised Trump For His “Proper Restraint” For Use Of Force

Freitas Praised Donald Trump For His “Proper Restraint” For Use Of Force And Putting U.S. Troops In Harm’s Way. “FREITAS: And one of the ways that President Trump really won me over was because I finally heard a president for the first time A long time talking about a strong national defense taking care of our troops. But also recognizing the one of the ways you take care of our troops is you don’t expend their lives cheaply. And I’m very, very grateful for a president that will strike back when it is constitutionally appropriate and necessary to defend the United States. But they will also use the proper restraint and to not deploy men and women into harm’s way without having a clear us objective in order to get our troops in when the fight and get them home as safely as possible, because that is the obligation and Congress needs to step up and actually fulfill its constitutional responsibilities.’” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Impeachment

October 2019: Freitas Spoke At An Anti-Impeachment Rally Outside The Henrico County Office Of Rep. Spanberger

October 2019: Freitas Spoke At An Anti-Impeachment Rally Outside The Henrico County Office Of Rep. Spanberger. “Freitas’s flub is not considered likely to cost him reelection given the bright red nature of the district, which covers Madison and Orange counties, and part of Culpeper. But it is forcing Freitas, 40, to spend more time and money on the campaign than planned. The episode could also cost him political capital with his own party at a time when he is widely thought to have his eye on higher office, including a possible challenge to Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.) next year. Freitas spoke at a recent anti-impeachment rally outside Spanberger’s Henrico

County office but said that was to support Trump, not to signal his interest in a congressional bid. ‘I am entirely focused on my House of Delegates race,’ said Freitas, a defense consultant who served in the Army in Iraq on two combat tours.” [Washington Post, 10/23/19]

Freitas Claimed That This Appearance Was Not Signaling A Coming Challenge To Rep. Spanberger.

“Freitas spoke at a recent anti-impeachment rally outside Spanberger’s Henrico County office but said that was to support Trump, not to signal his interest in a congressional bid. ‘I am entirely focused on my House of Delegates race,’ said Freitas, a defense consultant who served in the Army in Iraq on two combat tours. He promised to raise all of the money he needs for the write-in bid without help from the House Republican Caucus, so he would not be a drain on GOP resources. Richard Uihlein, a GOP megadonor from Illinois, has bankrolled the bulk of his campaign with a \$500,000 donation, some of which Freitas has shared with other legislative candidates.” [Washington Post, 10/23/19]

Freitas Was Joined At The Event By Tina Ramirez, Another Republican Candidate For VA-07. “Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, and Tina Ramirez, a candidate for the Republican nomination in Virginia’s 7th Congressional District, joined more than 50 people Friday for a pro-Trump protest and news conference outside the Glen Allen office of Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-7th. They said they are upset that Spanberger joined other members of Congress in support of an inquiry into whether impeachment hearings should be held.” [Daily Progress, [10/5/19](#)]

Freitas Claimed That He Was Invited To Speak By The “Trump Team In Virginia.” “Thank you to the Trump team in Virginia for inviting me to speak and call out the hypocrisy on display by Spanberger and the Democrats.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [10/4/19](#)]

Freitas Was Staunchly Opposed To Impeachment

Freitas: “When You Impeach A President You Are Overturning An Election.” “You had an entire case based off of something that wasn’t criminal. And based almost entirely off of hearsay. This would never hold up in a court of law. Now I understand with an impeachment process it doesn’t have the same standards as law in order to engage in impeachment. But the reason why we hold it to high standards is because when you impeach a president you are overturning an election. You are overturning the will of the American people when they went to the ballot box, and they voted.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 56:20, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas “There Was Nothing Even Approaching Sufficient

Evidence To Try To Impeach The President.” “And you’re not going to convince me that that was based off of overwhelming information or intelligence or evidence because, guess what? I also worked in intelligence. I also went overseas and I know what it’s like to look at information, look at data, look at reports, and actually come to an objective decision on whether or not you engage in an operation or whether or not you make a particular decision. And I am sorry, but there was nothing even approaching sufficient evidence to try to impeach the President.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 56:49, [5/5/20](#)]

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Freitas Sold Campaign Merchandise That Made Light Of Impeachment

Freitas Sold Mugs That Listed The Ingredients Of Impeachment As “Liberal Tears,” “Fake News,” And “Bull-Schiff.” “A scoop of ‘fake news,’ a spoonful of ‘liberal tears,’ and a dash of ‘Bull-Schiff.’ Those are the ingredients printed on “impeachment mugs” sold by Virginia Del. Nick Freitas, a congressional candidate running against Rep. Abigail Spanberger in Virginia’s 7th District. ‘We started selling the mugs as a way to give supporters of Nick and supporters of our president a way to express how ridiculous this entire impeachment process has been,’ campaign manager Joe Desilets told the Washington Examiner.” [Washington Examiner, 12/19/19]

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Freitas Called Impeachment An Attempt By Democrats To “Overthrow An Election Result They Don't Like”

Freitas Called Impeachment An Attempt By Democrats To “Overthrow An Election Result They Don't Like.” “Then they spend millions of dollars trying to overthrow in an election result they don't like. And believe me, that's something I've become more familiar with lately. When they don't like the election results, they start to

look for other mechanisms in order to manipulate the process because you can't win at the ballot box, I guess got to cheat. So the question I have for you today is, are you gonna let them cheat? No, you're not gonna let them cheat. You're gonna send a message to Congresswoman Spanberger, but this is not what she was elected to do. And this is not what the seventh district wants." [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [10/4/19](#)]

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Freitas Used Impeachment To Sell "Impeachment Nutrition Facts" Coffee Mugs" With "Ingredients" Such As "Fake News," "Bull-Schiff" And "Liberal Tears From 2016." "We all know that impeachment was cooked up in some backroom at the DNC the day President Trump was sworn in, so we wanted to make sure everyone knows exactly what's in it..." [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/17/19](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/17/19](#)]

Freitas Described Impeachment As "Evidence Per Serving: 0." "We sure are! What makes up yesterday's impeachment vote? Evidence Per Serving: 0, 20% Fake News, 20% Trump Derangement Syndrome, 20% Bull-Schiff, 40% Liberal Tears from 2016." [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/19/19](#)]



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Trump Economy

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Freitas Claimed That Trump Was Polling Better Among Minority Voters Than “Other Republicans” Due To His Handling Of The Economy. “FRETIAS: ‘And there is polling that suggests that Donald Trump actually has a much larger share of the minority vote than other Republicans have before. And for good reason. If you

actually look at his policies, what he's able to accomplish, minority communities have been the most positively affected.” [Kindred Spirits Brewery Meet and Greet, 2/11/20]

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Trump's Style

Freitas Said That In Spite Of Criticisms For His Incessant Tweeting, Trump Should Not “Get Off The Toilet”

Freitas Said That In Spite Of Criticisms For His Incessant Tweeting, Trump Should Not “Get Off The Toilet.” ”Ya know every once in a while I’ll hear people say Donald Trump should get off the toilet. No he shouldn’t. No he shouldn’t. And the reason why is that... [unclear]... I want to have civil discourse. I do. I want to have civil discourse. I want it to be a deliberative process. But the main reason we don’t have civility in politics right now is not tone. Everyone thinks it’s tone. If we were just nicer.” [Orange, VA Speech, 2/8/20]

Freitas Compared Trump To George Washington

Freitas Praised George Washington For Willingly Giving Up Power After Two Terms. “FREITAS: ‘I look at George Washington, I think to myself, there’s the first President of the United States. There’s a victorious General of Yorktown, there’s the man that led that the Continental Army, there’s men that sacrificed and gave up a lot in order to fight and build this country. There’s the man that voluntarily surrendered power after a second term of the presidency.’” [Culpeper Republican Committee Reagan Dinner, 2/22/20]

Freitas Obliquely Compared Washington To Trump And Said That The 2020 Election Was The Country’s “Valley Forge Moment.” “FREITAS: ‘I have a print in my office of George Washington’s prayer at Valley Forge. [...] and I realized that in that moment when he was giving that prayer, he none of this, he was a general who had lost most of his battles. He was the head of an army that was disintegrating and starving to death at Valley Forge. His own Chief of Staff was working against him, Congress was working to replace him. And he went out and he prayed and he got up and became the man we all know. That’s where we’re at. Every generation has their Valley Forge moment, I believe this one is ours.’” [Culpeper Republican Committee Reagan Dinner, 2/22/20]

Freitas Said It’s Important To Have Term Limits And Peaceful Transitions Of Power. “...it’s not only important to protect access to elections but also the integrity of your elections. And it’s also important to have things like term limits, to have peaceful transitions of power because that’s not just a, a legal requirement, that’s really something you want baked into society. You want people to really rebel against this idea that any one person would hold power for such an extended period of time. And one of the best ways you can combat that is by coming up with processes both legally and culturally where we don’t reward politicians that constantly make it a career. You know, we want you to go there, do your term of service, then get back to, you know, the real life like the rest of us. And so that’s why I think we need to protect that within the United States.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:06:36, [5/5/20](#)]

Issues

Abortion & Women's Health Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas parroted Republican talking points claiming that Governor Ralph Northam of Virginia supported infanticide.*
- ✓ *In February 2020, Freitas said that *Roe v. Wade* had “no Constitutional justification.”*
- ✓ *Regarding the public's perception of the abortion debate, Freitas said that there “has to be a re-education.”*
- ✓ *In 2018, Freitas attacked Tim Kaine as a supporter of Planned Parenthood.*

Abortion

May 2018: Freitas Said He Would “Lead The Fight For The Unborn” In The U.S. Senate

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June 2018: Freitas Said He Was A Defender Of The “Right To Life Movement”

June 2018: Freitas Said He Was A Defender Of The “Right To Life Movement.” “Freitas said he defends the Right-to-Life Movement, and has sworn to uphold and protect the Constitution. ‘I am first and foremost a Christian. My dedication to the belief that we all have inherent value and are entitled to liberty and equality before the law is rooted in this worldview,’ Freitas said. ‘Individual liberty, personal responsibility, respect for God and limited, constitutional government are not merely convenient political concepts, but essentials which are fundamental to our liberty, prosperity and security.’” [Mechanicsville Local, 6/5/18]

Freitas Falsely Claimed That Virginia Governor Ralph Northam Supported Infanticide

January 2019: Freitas Claimed That Virginia Governor Ralph Northam Supported Infanticide. “When you thought it couldn’t get any worse...Gov Northam now seems to be defending infanticide.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [1/30/19](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [1/30/19](#)]

These Claims Were False. “Trump was talking about comments Northam made in late January, when he was asked during a filmed radio interview about an abortion bill before the Virginia House of Delegates. The governor’s comments were confusing, and some took them, at the time, as an endorsement of infanticide. But the governor has said that he was ‘absolutely not’ talking about infanticide — and in any case, the Virginia bill would certainly not allow doctors to ‘execute’ a baby after it’s born.” [Vox, [2/12/19](#)]

Freitas Mocked Northam And Called His Position “Shameful And Disgusting.” “No your excellency, what is “shameful and disgusting” is the policy position you endorsed. The fact that you have done so much for children and should know better, enhances the disgust, it doesn’t diminish it.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [1/31/19](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [1/31/19](#)]

February 2020: Freitas Reiterated His False Claims Regarding Governor Northam. “Virginia Democrats claim that infanticide does not take place in Virginia. Yet last year Governor (and pediatric doctor) Ralph Northam went into horrific detail in describing how infanticide currently takes place in Virginia.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/13/20](#)]



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February 2020: Freitas Claimed Rep. Spanberger Was Aligned With So-Called “Radical Pro-Abortion” Democrats. “Abigail Spanberger just sided with every radical pro-abortion Democrat (including AOC and Ilhan Omar) in Washington and refused to protect children who are born from failed abortion attempts.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/28/20](#)]



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February 2020: Freitas Said That The Goal Of Republicans Should Be To “Maximize Individual Choice”... For Education

February 2020: Freitas Said That The Goal Of Republicans Should Be To “Maximize Individual Choice”... For Education. “And we’ve got to one of the stuff one of the problems that we have as Republicans, we never focus on like an ultimate in state or a vision on what it is that we’re trying to achieve. We’re trying to maximize individual choice. We’re trying to but if you don’t provide people an idea of what that looks like, so one of the things I like to use is education as an example, where we’ve gotten multiple generations now that have grown up and pretty much a government monopolized education system. So it’s all they know. So when you when you say, Well, look, we need to start pulling back some of this government interference in education, give people more choice.” [Conservative Review Podcast, [2/7/20](#)]

January 2020: Freitas Said Roe v. Wade Had “No Constitutional Justification”

January 2020: Freitas Said Roe v. Wade Had “No Constitutional Justification.” “FREITAS: ‘But it’s not just about what we do legal. I’m very pro-life legislation, I will continue to carry pro-life legislation. I think Roe v. Wade was not only a horrible decision because what it actually caused, but from a legal component was absolutely ridiculous reason. There’s no constitutional justification for what they did in Roe v. Wade.’” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, [1/26/20](#)]

Freitas Said That There “Has To Be A Re-education” On Abortion Issues

Freitas Said That There “Has To Be A Re-education” On Abortion Issues. “FREITAS: ‘But one of the things that is so important about this entire argument is to argue in a way that not only convinces all of us but convinces an entire generation that has been fed a lie about what pregnancy is about what it means about the family. We have young kids that think it’s just a clump of cells. Well, it’s just a clump of cells, what’s the problem? So there does have to be a re-education on that side. But one of the reasons why not only go the right way on life and carry later legislation on life. But then I also work with the crisis pregnancy centers and thrive and work with abortion survivors like our good friend Susan Cole Pepper and Jana Jessen, who goes all over the world talking about this issue is because quite frankly, we as the church have dropped the ball. If you say you’re pro-life, but then you’re not willing to come along with that young woman in crisis and help her out when she desperately needs it, we’re frauds.’” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Freitas Said That He Hopes People Will No Longer “Buys This Narrative That Abortion Equals Women’s Empowerment.” ”FREITAS: ‘I do think we’re going to see it within our lifetime, we’re going to see a generation that steps up and no longer buys this narrative that it’s just a clump of cells no longer buys this narrative that abortion equals women’s empowerment.’” [Henrico Town Hall, 2/19/20]

Freitas Did Admit That “I Have No Idea What It’s Like To Be A Young Woman In Crisis.” “FREITAS: ‘So it’s not just what we do as legislators. It’s what we do as people of faith that actually believe that this is a human being. And I’ve said this once, and I’ll say it before, I have no idea what it’s like to be a young woman in crisis at that point, but I do know what it’s like to be your son, because that was my mother’s situation. And so yes, I will fight for pro-life legislation. I will carry pro-life legislation, but then I will do the other thing that my faith commands me to do. And I will be there for young women when they need someone to speak in their life, provide them hope and ensure that there is a better way we don’t want to just save the child. We want to save the entire family.’” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Freitas Said That “If You’re Not Ready To Be A Daddy, Don’t Do Daddy Things.” ”FREITAS: ‘And the other thing I’ll say to the men in the room, and I’ve said this to young men a lot. I had to go speak at Boys State with the American Legion. If you’re not ready to be a daddy, don’t do daddy things. It really is that simple.’” [Henrico Town Hall, 2/19/20]

February 2020: Freitas Sponsored A “Born Alive” Bill In The Virginia House Of Delegates That Failed To Pass

Freitas’s “Born Alive Act” Did Not Advance In The State Assembly. “A locally-led state bill seeking to make abortion doctors criminally liable for not assisting babies born alive has failed. Sponsored by Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, House Bill 227 was left in the House Courts of Justice Committee last week and was not advanced before the cross-over deadline. The Born Alive Act would have required immediate medical attention at a hospital be given to babies surviving an abortion. Physicians failing to do so could have been found guilty of a class 4 felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. As anti-abortion activists gathered in Richmond Feb. 13 for the Walk for Life, Freitas spoke passionately on the house floor in support of the measure. He posted the video on his Twitter feed under the heading, ‘VA Democrats mock bill to protect abortion survivors.’ ‘The purpose of the Born Alive Act is to ensure that when a child is born under difficult circumstances, often times when they’re born as a result of a botched abortion, the medical care professionals in Virginia understand that we still expect them to do everything reasonable and within their power to save that child’s life,’ Freitas said. ‘I understand it is embarrassing for the abortion industry to admit that there is such a thing as abortion survivors ... Their embarrassment does not negate their existence.’” [Fredericksburg.com, [2/20/20](#)]

Freitas Said The Bill Would Come Back For Consideration “Until We Recognize That Every Child Has A Right To Medical Care Even If It’s The Result Of A Botched Abortion.” “Democrats said the Born Alive Act was not needed because it addresses infanticide, which is already illegal in Virginia. Freitas said that may be true and then repeated Gov. Ralph Northam’s controversial remarks last year regarding ‘having a discussion’ between the doctor and mother after a failed abortion. ‘You may get offended, but where is your offense on behalf of the child mentioned in this particular scenario? Do we not have an obligation to protect

innocent human life, we would argue inside the womb, but don't we all agree outside the womb?' Freitas said in his floor speech. The local delegate said the bill would continue to come back 'until we recognize that every child has a right to medical care even if it's the result of a botched abortion.'" [Fredericksburg.com, [2/20/20](#)]

Planned Parenthood

June 2018: Freitas Attacked Tim Kaine For Supporting Funding Of Planned Parenthood, But Did Not Explicitly State That He Would Support Defunding It

June 2018: Freitas Attacked Tim Kaine For Supporting Funding Of Planned Parenthood, But Did Not Explicitly State That He Would Support Defunding It. "While in the U.S. Senate, Tim Kaine has pledged to raise taxes, support government funding of Planned Parenthood, and support unnecessary spending. While in the Virginia House of Delegates, I have striven to lower taxes, defend our God-given rights, and cut government spending." [Nick Freitas, [6/2/18](#)]

Freitas Attacked Planned Parenthood As Having Racist Roots

Freitas Described The Founder Of The Precursor To Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, As A Racist. "FREITAS: 'The Democratic Party prides itself on being a voice for the voiceless. I have a real hard time buying that. Not just because of the history of the Democratic Party but some of the current people they've tried to prop up like Margaret Singer, who is a racist, a eugenicist, and founder of Planned Parenthood.'" [Henrico Town Hall, 2/19/20]



[Nick Freitas, [6/2/18](#)]

Agriculture & Food Access Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ 2020: Freitas voted against a sustainable farming fund.

Sustainable Farming

2020: Freitas Voted Against A Local Food And Sustainable Farming Fund

Freitas Voted Against A Local Food And Sustainable Farming Fund. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1034. “Establishes the Local Food and Farming Infrastructure Fund and directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish a Local Food and Farming Infrastructure Grant Program for infrastructure development projects that support local food production and sustainable farming. The bill directs the Department to award grants to political subdivisions for projects that include the establishment or maintenance of farmers markets; businesses or organizations that manage the aggregation, distribution, and marketing of food products primarily from local and regional producers; and primarily locally owned processing facilities. Any political subdivision that is awarded a grant is required to oversee the spending of the grant and provide an annual report and a final report to the Department. The bill provides parameters for the payment of the grant amount to each political subdivision and establishes requirements for verification of compliance with award criteria by such political subdivision.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 79-15. The Governor approved the measure.[HB 1034, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

Civil Rights & Race Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2020, Freitas voted against extending protections against racial discrimination to include discrimination based upon one's natural hairstyle*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed defining hate crimes to include racially motivated battery and home invasion.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed legislation to implement preclearance requirements for local changes to voting procedures that would help preserve the voting rights of minorities.*
- ✓ *Freitas criticized the federal voting rights bill HR 1 as a "massive federal takeover."*
- ✓ *Freitas defended monuments to the Confederacy and opposed their removal, regardless of whether the decision was a local one.*
- ✓ *Freitas defended the legacy of Robert E. Lee.*
 - ✓ *Freitas opposed removal of Virginia's statue of Lee in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, DC.*
 - ✓ *Freitas was also concerned that removal of Confederate monuments would affect tourism to Virginia.*

Discrimination

2020: Freitas Voted Against Making Racial Discrimination Based On Hairstyles Illegal

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Making Racial Discrimination On The Basis Of One's Hairstyle Illegal. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1514. "Provides that the terms 'because of race' and 'on the basis of race,' and terms of similar import, when used in reference to discrimination in the Code of Virginia and acts of the General Assembly, include traits historically associated with race, including hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists." The House passed the measure by a vote of 72-25. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1514, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/4/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Expanding The Definition Of Hate Crimes To Include Battery And Home Invasion That Occurred Due To Victim's Race, Gender Identity, Or Sexual Orientation

Freitas Opposed Expanding The Definition Of Hate Crimes To Include Battery And Home Invasion That Occurred Due To Victim's Race, Gender Identity, Or Sexual Orientation. In February 2020, Freitas Voted Against HB 787. "Adds the following to the list of crimes that a multi-jurisdiction grand jury may investigate: (i) simple assault or assault and battery where the victim was intentionally selected because of his race, religious conviction, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, or national origin; (ii) entering the property of another for purposes of damaging such property or its contents or interfering with the rights of the owner, user, or occupant where such property was intentionally selected because of the race, religious conviction, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, or national origin of the owner, user, or occupant; and (iii) various offenses that tend to cause violence." The House passed the bill by a vote of 55-44. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 787, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/6/20](#)]

Voting Rights

Freitas Opposed Preclearance Requirements For Changes To Local Election Systems That Would Impact Minority Voting Rights

Freitas Opposed Preclearance Requirements For Changes To Local Election Systems That Would Impact Minority Voting Rights. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 761. “Requires the governing body of a covered jurisdiction, prior to enacting or seeking to administer any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or any standard, practice, or procedure with respect to voting, that is a covered practice, to either (i) institute an action in the circuit court for the jurisdiction for a declaratory judgment that the covered practice neither has the purpose or effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color or membership in a language minority group nor will it result in the retrogression in the position of members of a racial or ethnic group with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise or (ii) submit such covered practice to the Office of the Attorney General for issuance of a certification that no objection exists to the enactment or administration by the covered jurisdiction of the covered practice. A covered practice cannot be given effect until the circuit court has entered such judgement or the Attorney General has issued such certification. The bill provides to a covered jurisdiction the right to appeal an objection by the Attorney General and to an aggrieved citizen the right to appeal the Attorney General’s issuance of a certification of no objection. A “covered jurisdiction” is defined to mean any county, city, or town that is determined by the Attorney General to have a voting age population that contains two or more racial or ethnic groups, each constituting at least 20 percent of its voting age population. The bill also defines ‘covered practice.’” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 58-40. The Senate insisted on an amendment. The House took no further action. [HB 761, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

The Bill’s Author, Delegate Van Valkenburg, Wrote That HB 761 Would Reinstate Preclearance Requirements of Similar To Those Under The Voting Rights Act Of 1965 In Virginia. “This is not a small problem: From 2010 to 2013, the last three years of federal preclearance, Virginia localities made more than 1,300 significant changes to voting methods, procedures, district lines and precincts — all of which required preclearance for discriminatory impact before they could go into effect. Unfortunately, no master list of changes since 2013 exists. But with no reason to worry about checking against the VRA standards, all evidence points to an acceleration of such discriminatory changes. [...] My Virginia Voting Rights Act will help Virginia take the lead on ensuring fair access to the polls by creating a state-level preclearance mechanism. Making sure Virginians have the right to vote isn’t enough; we must also ensure localities do not act in a way that would deny them the rights we seek to expand. In her *Shelby* dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote, ‘throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.’ We are getting wet, and the storm is getting worse. Virginia, the birthplace of democracy, has a chance to take action this year and become a leader in restoring and amplifying a foundation of democracy: the right of all citizens to vote at the ballot box.” [Washington Post, Van Valkenburg Opinion, [1/10/20](#)]

Freitas Criticized The Federal Voting Rights Bill HR 1 As A “Massive Federal Takeover”

Freitas Called HR 1, Which Rep. Spanberger Voted For, As “A Massive Federal Takeover Of Election Law.” “You see some of the bills passed out of the House and thankfully, you know, didn’t make it through the Senate. You know, a lot of these have pretty sounding names like [...] The, the, again they called it ‘the voting rights act.’ What did it really do? Well it was a massive federal takeover of election law to include using taxpayer funds to actually fund political campaigns. So now the government’s going to tax you, and then they’re going to give a portion of it back but the only way you can use that money is by contributing it to a political campaign. I mean again, does anybody think this is a proper role of the federal government? Abigail Spanberger voted for it.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 40:22, [5/5/20](#)]

HR 1 Was “Aimed At Getting Money Out Of Politics [...] Increasing Transparency Around Donors... And Expanding Voting Rights.” “House Democrats officially passed their massive anti-corruption and pro-democracy reform bill known as HR 1 on Friday. The bill passed on a final vote of 234 to 193. The sweeping bill is aimed at getting money out of politics and increasing transparency around donors, cracking down on lobbying, and expanding voting rights for Americans by implementing provisions like automatic voter registration.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

HR 1 Would Require Automatic Voter Registration, At Least 15 Days Of Early Voting, And Same-Day Voter Registration. “Called the ‘For the People Act,’ HR 1 is a sweeping bill that contains nearly 600 pages of changes to laws aimed to make it easier to vote, increase election security and improve campaign finance transparency. [...] The new bill would require states to take several steps to make it easier for people to vote. It would require local election officials to do the following: Offer online voter registration; Establish automatic voter registration; Allow voter registration on the day of a federal election; Allow voters to correct their registration information at the polls; Restore voting rights to felons after they leave prison; Offer at least 15 days of early voting; and, Follow new rules before purging voters from registration lists.” [Politifact, [2/8/19](#)]

HR 1 Would Require States To Implement A Nonpartisan Process To Draw Congressional Districts. “Election law experts said that Congress is within its power to issue more directions to local officials. ‘It is true that the bill shifts more power to the federal government, such as by requiring states to use some kind of nonpartisan process for drawing congressional districts,’ said Rick Hasen, a professor of law and political science at the University of California. ‘But the Elections Clause in Article I of the Constitution specifically gives Congress the power to regulate federal elections, even over the objections of the states.’” [Politifact, [2/8/19](#)]

HR 1 Would Make Election Day A Holiday For Federal Employees And Encourage Private Businesses To Do The Same. “HR 1 covers three main planks: campaign finance reform, strengthening the government’s ethics laws, and expanding voting rights. Here’s the important part of each section, briefly explained. [...] Making Election Day a holiday for federal employees and encouraging private sector businesses to do the same, requiring poll workers to provide a week’s notice if poll sites are changed, and making colleges and universities voter registration agencies (in addition to the DMV, etc.), among other updates.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

HR 1 Would Create Voluntary 6-To-1 Match For Small Dollar Donations Up To \$200. “Establishing public financing of campaigns, powered by small donations. Under the vision of the bill’s main sponsor, Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), the federal government would provide a voluntary 6-1 match for candidates for president and Congress, which means for every dollar a candidate raises from small donations, the federal government would match it six times over. The maximum small donation that could be matched would be capped at \$200.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

Freitas Defended Monuments To The Confederacy And Its Leaders And Opposed Their Removal

March 2020: Freitas Opposed Allowing Localities To Decide Whether To Remove Or Contextualize Monuments

March 2020: Freitas Opposed Allowing Localities To Decide Whether To Remove Or Contextualize Monuments. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1537. “Provides that a locality may remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover any monument or memorial for war veterans on the locality’s public property, not including a monument or memorial located in a publicly owned cemetery, regardless of when the monument or memorial was erected, and removes certain criminal and civil penalties. Current law makes it unlawful to disturb or interfere with such monuments or memorials or to prevent citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of such monuments or memorials. Prior to removing, relocating, contextualizing, or covering any such publicly owned monument or memorial, the local governing body shall

publish notice of such intent in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality. The notice shall specify the time and place of a public hearing at which interested persons may present their views, not less than 30 days after publication of the notice. After the completion of the hearing, the governing body may vote whether to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover the monument or memorial. If the governing body votes to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover the monument or memorial, the local governing body shall first, for a period of 30 days, offer the monument or memorial for relocation and placement to any museum, historical society, government, or military battlefield. The local governing body shall have sole authority to determine the final disposition of the monument or memorial. The bill authorizes the local governing body to call for an advisory referendum prior to voting on such motion. The bill repeals an 1890 act of assembly related to the placement of a statue in the City of Alexandria and does not apply to a monument or memorial located on the property of a public institution of higher education within the City of Lexington. The bill also provides that the Board of Historic Resources shall promulgate regulations governing the manner in which any monument or memorial may be contextualized.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 52-43. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1537, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption, [3/7/20](#))]

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Commission To Determine Whether To Remove Virginia’s Statue Of Robert E. Lee In The National Statuary Hall

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Commission To Determine Whether To Remove Virginia’s Statue Of Robert E. Lee In The National Statuary Hall. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 612. “Creates the Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol to determine whether the Robert E. Lee statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States Capitol should be replaced and, if so, to recommend to the General Assembly as a replacement a statue of a prominent Virginia citizen of historic renown or renowned for distinguished civil or military service to be commemorated in the National Statuary Hall Collection.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 52-44. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 612, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Freitas Was Concerned About The Message That Tearing Down Confederate Monuments Would Send And Defended Confederate Soldiers As “American Veterans”

Freitas On Removing Confederate Monuments: “What Kind Of Message Does That Send.” “But it’s about also understanding that we’re talking about people that were living in a context were living in different times, were usually living under bad... hard circumstances, they were fighting wars, they were American veterans, and now we’re just gonna start tearing that down and what kind of message does that send.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 49:14, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas “It’s Not That We’re Condoning Everything That Somebody That Has Been Memorialized Has Done” “It was somewhat heartbreaking to be down there and just saying, look we’re not, it’s not that we’re condoning everything that somebody that has been memorialized has done, did or didn’t do. [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 49:02, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas: “If We’re Going To Memorialize One Side Of History, Well Then We Also Need To Give Some Attention To The Other Side Of That History As Well.” “I think it’s perfectly fine for us to have an open and honest discussion. I think it’s perfectly fine for us to say, look, if we’re going to memorialize one side of history, well then we also need to give some attention to the other side of that history as well. I think all of that is fine.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 50:03, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Defended Confederate General Robert E. Lee, Its Most Important Military Leader

Freitas Defended The Legacy Of Confederate General Robert E. Lee While Asking To Recognize The ‘Multiple Perspectives Of History.’ “Delegate Quinn from Richmond got up and said, well fine, if we’re not going to remove the statues, can we at least be honest about the multiple perspectives of history? My answer to that

is yes, we can absolutely be honest about the multiple perspectives of history. But one of the things that's frustrating to me especially when we when we look at like the Robert E Lee's statue, I fully recognize that for some people, when they look at that statue, it conjures up feelings of pain and oppression. But when you actually look at the history of someone like Robert E Lee, this was someone that he inherited slaves. And then when he inherited them, he immediately freed them in the middle of the Civil War. He was someone that stood up to a lot of his white friends in churches, because he really believed it was important for the country to move on and he believed that was important. He thought slavery was an abomination. And all I would ask is, is that as we're going through this process now, where people are removing these statues that we would at least take the time to not paint everyone with such a broad brush to actually look at context, because that is so important." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 9:41, [6/9/20](#)]

Freitas Defended Robert E Lee Owning Slaves Because He Inherited Them. "When you actually look at the history of someone like Robert E Lee, this was someone that he inherited slaves. And then when he inherited them, he immediately freed them in the middle of the Civil War. He was someone that stood up to a lot of his white friends in churches, because he really believed it was important for the country to move on and he believed that was important." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 10:10, [6/9/20](#)]

Wesley Norris, Formerly An Enslaved Man On Lee's Plantation, Described The Horrors Of Life As One Of The Lee Family's Slaves. "My name is [Wesley Norris](#); I was born a slave on the plantation of George Parke Custis; after the death of Mr. Custis, Gen. Lee, who had been made executor of the estate, assumed control of the slaves, in number about seventy [...] I remained with Gen. Lee for about seventeen months, when [my sister Mary](#), a cousin of ours, and I determined to run away, which we did in the year 1859; we had already reached Westminster, in Maryland, on our way to the North, when we were apprehended and thrown into prison, and Gen. Lee notified of our arrest; we remained in prison fifteen days, when we were sent back to Arlington; we were immediately taken before Gen. Lee, who demanded the reason why we ran away; we frankly told him that we considered ourselves free; he then told us he would teach us a lesson we never would forget; he then ordered us to the barn, where, in his presence, we were tied firmly to posts by a Mr. Gwin, our overseer, who was ordered by Gen. Lee to strip us to the waist and give us fifty lashes each, excepting my sister, who received but twenty; we were accordingly stripped to the skin by the overseer, who, however, had sufficient humanity to decline whipping us; accordingly Dick Williams, a county constable, was called in, who gave us the number of lashes ordered; Gen. Lee, in the meantime, stood by, and frequently enjoined Williams to lay it on well, an injunction which he did not fail to heed; not satisfied with simply lacerating our naked flesh, Gen. Lee then ordered the overseer to thoroughly wash our backs with brine, which was done." [National Anti-Slavery Standard (via FairUse.org), [4/14/1866](#)]

Freitas Also Neglected To Mention That Robert E. Lee Betrayed The United States Of America. "On this day in 1861, Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the U.S. Army when his native Virginia succeeded from the Union. During the ensuing Civil War, Lee initially served as a senior military adviser to Jefferson Davis, the Confederate president." [Politico, [4/20/12](#)]

Freitas Worried About The Impact Of Removing Confederate Monuments To Tourism

Freitas On Legislation To Remove Monuments: "I Thought It Was Going To Do A Lot More Damage, Especially When You Consider In Virginia, Our Number Two Industry After Agriculture, Is Tourism." "I voted against that legislation. I thought it was... I didn't think it was actually going to achieve the objections that they wanted. And I thought it was going to do a lot more damage, especially when you consider in Virginia, our number two industry after agriculture, is tourism. People come to Virginia to be able to see where this country was started, where some of the greatest battles during the civil war were, were fought. And, and we want that part of our tradition to be properly understood and properly and fairly taught. But I don't think you do that by tearing down monuments, I think you do that by lifting up, our history, and actually explaining it in proper context and from multiple perspectives." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 50:46, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Accused Democrats Of Wanting To Tear Down Any Monument For Any Reason. "We had several bills this year that had to do with tearing down certain monuments. And if you look at the way the legislation was written by the Democrats they wanted to give full local control to essentially tear down any monument they wanted, for essentially any reason that they wanted. And it was... It was somewhat heartbreaking to be down there and just saying, look we're not, it's not that we're condoning everything that somebody that has been memorialized has done, did or didn't do." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 48:43, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Said That Those Who Supported Removing Monuments To The Confederacy And Its Leaders Were Driven By "A Fundamental Dislike Of America"

Freitas Characterized Those Who Wanted To Take Down Confederate Monuments As Being Driven By A "Fundamental Dislike Of America." "FREITAS: "My question is what is your end state? What is your true end state? I'd love for them to be honest about that because I'm no longer buying that, that this is just, that this is about healing. I'm not buying that. I think they have a larger agenda. I think it goes toward a fundamental dislike of America, [John Fredericks Show, 13:53, [6/12/20](#)]"

Freitas Said That Motivation Behind Removing Monuments To The Confederacy Was About "Perpetuating Grievance." "FREITAS: It's not about solving problems. It's about perpetuating grievance. [...] Democrats have their power wrapped up in perpetuating grievance, not solving problems." [John Fredericks Show, 15:54, [6/12/20](#)]

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas praised Trump's response to COVID-19 and said that his administration had done an excellent job of distributing necessary supplies to the states.*
- ✓ *In May 2020, Freitas praised Florida Governor Ron DeSantis for his aggressive reopening of the state.*
 - ✓ *By July 2020, Florida was breaking daily COVID-19 infection records.*
- ✓ *Freitas refused to say whether he would have voted for the CARES Act.*
 - ✓ *Freitas characterized the CARES Act as "politicized hostage taking."*
- ✓ *Freitas rarely discussed COVID-19, but criticized minor aspects of relief efforts.*

Freitas Praised Trump And Ron DeSantis For Their Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic

April 2020: Freitas Said That Trump Did "A Great Job Of Allocating Resources" For Pandemic Response

Freitas Praised Trump For The Administration Response To COVID-19 While Attacking The Actions Of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. "FREITAS: 'But ultimately, those decisions can all be made from Washington, DC. I think one of the things that President Trump has demonstrated is that he's done a great job with respect to allocating federal resources down to states when they need it. And then you got people like, you know, Governor Cuomo sitting there yelling at the president when he's got 10s of thousands of ventilators in storage, and masks in storage. So I think that rather than everyone looking to Washington, DC and asking themselves, okay, when is when is DC going to figure all this out? No, no DC has a coordinating function to play. And they can certainly assist with allocating resources and things like that, just like the White House has done.'" [Fredericks Radio Show, 4/7/20]

2020: Freitas Praised Florida Governor Ron DeSantis And His Response To COVID-19

May 2020: Freitas Praised Ron DeSantis For His Response To The Pandemic And Being Able To "Have The Economy Going Again"

2020: Freitas Said Florida Governor DeSantis Was Using "The Sort Of Approach We Need To Be Taking Here In Richmond" On COVID-19. "When the government focuses on putting out good information and not trying to micromanage everything from Richmond or Washington, DC, we get better results. And all you have to do is look at what's going on in Florida right now. And as governor Ron DeSantis pointed out, the media doesn't want to report on what's going down in Florida accurately because it turns out when they actually reduce some of the regulations and mandates and they allowed people to go out there and make good responsible decisions based off of good information, you were able to have the economy going again, at the same time, they were able to address health concerns and allocate resources to just those areas that needed at the most. Right. That's the sort of approach we need to be taking here in Richmond." [Freitas Facebook Live video, 2:41, [5/26/20](#)]

July 2020: COVID-19 Infections In Florida Were At An All Time High

July 2020: Florida Hit A Record 15,300 COVID-19 Cases In A Single Day. “Florida on Sunday reported a record 15,300 new coronavirus cases, the most by any state in a single day and a bleak sign of the United States’s failure to control the pandemic about six months after the first infection surfaced in the country. The staggering number was the result of both increased testing and widespread community transmission that has affected the state’s population centers as well as its rural areas. It shattered previous highs of 11,694 reported by California last week and 11,571 reported by New York on April 15.” [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

A University Of Florida Professor Saw No End In Sight With “Florida Largely Open For Business.” ““With Florida largely open for business, I don’t expect this surge to slow,’ wrote Natalie E. Dean, an assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of Florida.” [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Florida Shatters Single-Day Infection Record With 15,300 New Cases. [Washington Post, [7/12/20](#)]

Florida Was Aggressive In Reopening Under DeSantis, But Was Forced To Close Bars Again In July. Florida is now one of the main contributors to the surge in U.S. cases, and new cases in the state are surpassing even what New York had reported at the pandemic’s height there in March and April. The state was one of the most aggressive in its economic reopening, but all bars in Florida have been ordered to close once again. Unlike many other states with a spike in cases, though, DeSantis has not mandated mask-wearing statewide and ignored questions about a mask mandate at the news conference Monday.

HEADLINE: Florida Sets Coronavirus Death Record, Hours After Gov. DeSantis Said State Had “Stabilized.” [Forbes, [7/14/20](#)]

Gov. DeSantis’ Was Criticized For Lack Of Leadership Amid The Spike In Cases. “If coronavirus were a hurricane, it seemed to reach Category 5 status over the weekend. More than ever, Florida needs decisive, resolute guidance to get through this storm. Instead, Ron DeSantis continues to muddle and spin his way through. For every good move, there have been too many missteps.” [Orlando Sentinel Editorial, [7/13/20](#)]

EDITORIAL: Ron DeSantis Should Lead Or Get Out Of The Way On Coronavirus. [Orlando Sentinel Editorial, [7/13/20](#)]

Freitas Refused To Say Whether He Would Have Voted For The CARES Act When Asked Point Blank

April 2020: When Asked Point Blank If He Would Have Voted For The CARES Act, Freitas Refused To Directly Answer, Despite Saying That “We Needed To Do Something.” “FREDERICKS: ‘The \$2.3 Trillion package? Would you have voted in favor of it or not?’ FREITAS: ‘Oh, I would h-. So I think we needed to get something to the American people, I would have had, I would have had a real problem with with what they did. I mean, you saw with Nancy Pelosi and everything that she was trying to do. And this also john, this is something this is why we need to go to one issue per bill when we talk at DC. And people act like that’s impossible. You can never get Washington, DC to go to one issue per bill. [...] So I do Think that overall, I again, I understand we needed to do something for the American people, we needed to be able to do something in order to help people navigate this crisis, which again, when the government is shutting you down, it’s reasonable to expect some sort of relief from the same entity that is shutting you down. [...] So that when we look at something like a stimulus package and a time of crisis, we can actually have an upper down the road on those issues, or those those spending measures, which are just going directly to the crisis and not allowing it not even allowing for the opportunity to someone who, you know, could what \$25 million to the Kennedy Center. We had 10s of millions, billions of dollars going into things that had absolutely nothing to do with the Coronavirus, right.’” [Fredericks Radio Show, [4/7/20](#)]

March 2020: The CARES Act Was Passed By Congress, Which Provided For \$2 Trillion On Economic Relief To Individuals And Businesses In Response To The Pandemic. “The Senate has passed a roughly \$2 trillion coronavirus response bill intended to speed relief across the American economy. This is the third aid package from Congress and is meant to keep businesses and individuals afloat during an unprecedented freeze on the majority of American life. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., described the legislation, known as the CARES Act, as necessary emergency relief and vowed to put partisanship aside to get it done.” [NPR, [3/26/20](#)]

The CARES Act Included Cash Payments To Most Americans Of \$1,200. “Cash payments: Estimated to total \$300 billion. Most individuals earning less than \$75,000 can expect a one-time cash payment of \$1,200. Married couples would each receive a check and families would get \$500 per child. That means a family of four earning less than \$150,000 can expect \$3,400.” [NPR, [3/26/20](#)]

March 2020: Freitas Criticized The CARES Act As “Politicized Hostage Taking” And As Nancy Pelosi’s “Political Games”

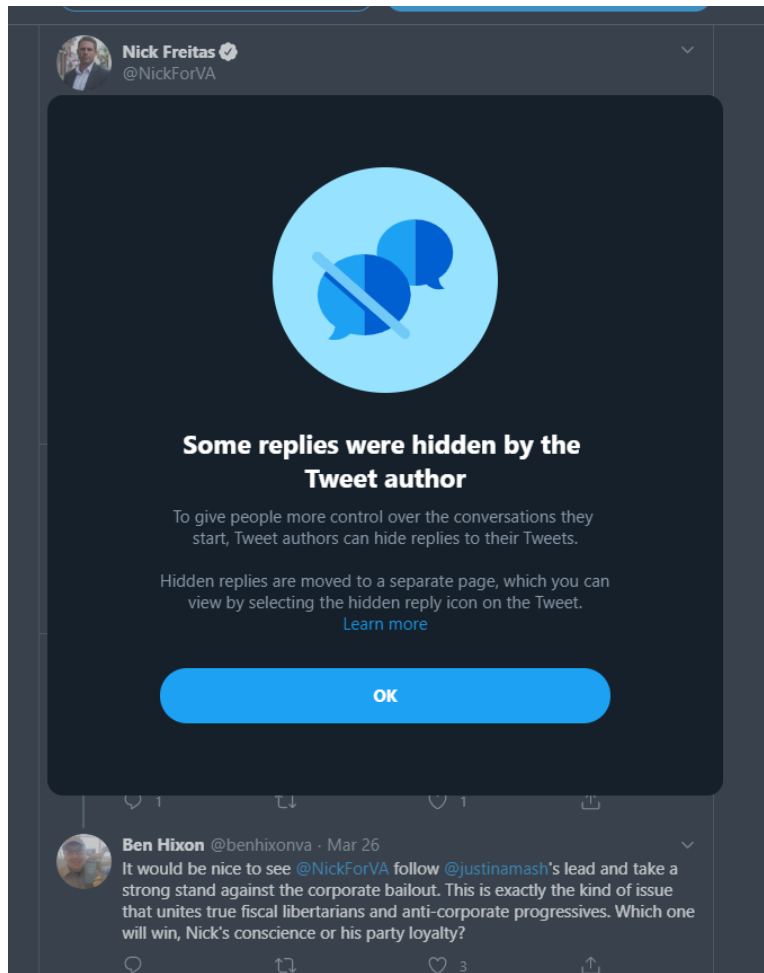
March 2020: Freitas Criticized The CARES Act As “Politicized Hostage Taking” And As Nancy Pelosi’s “Political Games.” “The political games Pelosi is playing with the Corona Virus Bill, is exactly why we need “One issue per bill” rules in DC like we have in Virginia. It helps prevent this kind of politicized hostage taking. Hope no one dies while they are busy “not letting a crisis go to waste.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

Freitas Chose To Hide A Twitter Reply That Highlighted The \$500 Billion Dollar GOP Slush Fund Proposal

Freitas Hid A Reply On His Tweet. [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

The Censored Comment Criticized The GOP Senate “Slush Fund Proposal.” Lol, the Republicans added a slush fund to their bill, and you’re complaining about Pelosi.” [Protodoxa, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]



[Protodoxa, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

The Proposed Fund Would Have Included \$500 Billion Under The Direct Control Of Treasury Secretary Mnuchin. “As Senate Democrats went to the floor Sunday night to vote — the first time they’d been there in days — they had one thing on their minds: a secret “slush fund” for Corporate America. That’s what Democrats are calling a \$500 billion ‘Exchange Stabilization Fund’ included in the massive Senate GOP proposal to rescue the U.S. economy from the coronavirus crisis. The fund, which would come under the control of Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, is designed to aid distressed industries. It includes \$58 billion for U.S. airline and air cargo companies, a source of significant controversy during the last three days of closed-door talks between senators of both parties and the White House. But the language drafted by Senate Republicans also allows Mnuchin to withhold the names of the companies that receive federal money and how much they get for up to six months if he so decides.” [Politico, [3/23/20](#)]

May 2020: Freitas Fiercely Opposed The HEROES Act Passed By The House Of Representatives

May 2020: Freitas Fiercely Opposed The HEROES Act Passed By The House Of Representatives, Calling It “Ridiculous.” “The three trillion dollar spending package being put forward by Pelosi and House Democrats is ridiculous and must not pass. Not only is this amount of spending irresponsible, but if Pelosi and House Democrats get their way, they will either send us further into debt or they will push the bill onto the American people by eliminating the Trump Tax Cut. Neither option is acceptable for the long term future of our nation. Raising the taxes of millions of Americans in the middle of a pandemic when politicians across the country are barring those same Americans from going to work to earn the paycheck that they want to tax away is unthinkable. We don’t need the federal government to make more financial commitments it can’t keep. We need it to start being fiscally responsible. The federal government needs to get out of the way of the private sector so the American people can create, innovate, and develop the solutions that will help us navigate and overcome this crisis.” [Friends of Nick Freitas, Inc., [5/13/20](#)]

Freitas Rarely Discussed COVID-19, But Criticized Minor Elements Of Relief Proposals

Freitas Barely Discussed The COVID-19 Pandemic Or Proposals To Address Its Effects

As Of June 8, 2020, Freitas Has Mentioned “Coronavirus” Or “COVID” Only 4 Times On His Public Twitter Feed. [Nick Freitas, Twitter, accessed [6/8/20](#)]

Freitas Focused On Criticism Of Funding For What He Described As “Pet Projects” In The HEROES Act

Freitas Focused On Funding For What He Described As “Pet Projects” In The HEROES Act, Including The EPA. “First up: incredibly wasteful spending on liberal pet projects. This includes \$50 million to the EPA for a study on pollution and COVID-19, \$10 million more for the National Endowment of the Arts, and \$10 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities...” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/15/20](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/15/20](#)]

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In An Oblique Reference To COVID-19, Freitas Suggested That “Some Politicians Would Like Us To Believe That We Have To Choose Between Our Health Or Our Livelihoods.” “Some politicians would like us to believe that we have to choose between our health or our livelihoods. The truth is, they are both critical. #VA07”
[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/12/20](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/12/20](#)]

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill To Extend The Virginia Telework Expenses Tax Credit Through 2021

January 2019: Freitas Voted Against Extending The Telework Expenses Tax Credit Through 2021. In January 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2065. “Advances expiration of the telework expenses tax credit to January 1, 2019. Under current law, the tax credit will expire on January 1, 2022.” The bill was passed by the House by a vote of 69-12. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 2065, House Floor Vote [1/18/19](#)]

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Public Bodies To Conduct Business Remotely Due To Medical Condition

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Public Bodies To Conduct Business Remotely Due To A Medical Condition. In February 2020, Freitas Voted For HB 321. “Allows a public body to conduct a meeting through electronic communication means if, on or before the day of a meeting, a member of the public body holding the meeting notifies the chair of the public body that he is unable to attend due to a serious medical condition of an immediate family member that prevents the member’s physical attendance. The bill also limits such participation in an electronic meeting due to a personal matter to either two meetings per calendar year or 10 percent of the meetings held that calendar year, rounded up to the nearest whole number, whichever is greater.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 62-38. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 321, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/7/20](#)]

Crime & Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas supported pay raises for Virginia Sheriff's deputies who refused to enforce gun legislation.*
- ✓ *May 2018: Freitas said criminal justice reform "should never be a partisan issue."*
- ✓ *In 2018, Freitas supported reform to civil asset forfeiture that was endorsed by the ACLU.*
- ✓ *In 2019, Freitas claimed that Trump has done far more for criminal justice reform than President Obama.*
- ✓ *In 2018, Freitas supported efforts to limit the ability of police to seize property before a conviction.*
- ✓ *In 2020, Freitas denounced calls to "defund" the police and defended qualified immunity.*
- ✓ *In 2020, Freitas defended the practice of no-knock warrants in certain situations.*
- ✓ *In 2020, Freitas accused Democrats of supporting early release for convicted murderers.*
- ✓ *Freitas accused Democrats of "weaponizing" the issue of sexual assault.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed certification requirements for smoke detector manufacturers and inspectors.*

Law Enforcement Pay

2020: Freitas Supported Pay Raises For Virginia Sheriffs' Deputies Who Refused To Enforce The Laws Of Virginia

2020: Freitas Supported Pay Raises For Virginia Sheriffs' Deputies Who Refused To Enforce Laws Of Virginia That They Personally Deemed Unconstitutional. "FRETIAS: 'And you see it all the sessions during the General Assembly. Sheriff Jenkins pointed out earlier where Senator Saslaw said that they weren't going to provide a modest increase to our sheriff's deputies because they refused to enforce unconstitutional laws. Did you know at the same time that they're refusing that for sheriff's deputies, they passed the bill out of the house a couple days ago, that is going to increase fees at the DMV. You want to know what for? Drivers licenses for people who are in this Commonwealth illegally. That's the sort of philosophy that we're fighting against. Right now. We're fighting against a new democratic party that treats law enforcement in uniform with absolute contempt. They treat you as the taxpayers with absolute contempt. At the same time when someone crosses the border illegally. They just can't wait to give them free stuff that you pay for.'" [Culpeper Republican Committee Reagan Dinner, 2/22/20]

Freitas Opposed Classifying Washington Metro OIG Officers As Law Enforcement Officers

Freitas Opposed Classifying Washington Metro OIG Officers As Law Enforcement Officers. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 845. "Adds special agents employed by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Office of the Inspector General to the definition of law-enforcement officer. The bill also grants such individuals the same authority and power as sheriffs to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth. Such individuals shall not be eligible for Line of Duty Act benefits." The House passed the bill by a vote of 87-11 [HB 845,

Criminal Justice Reform

May 2018: Freitas Said Criminal Justice Reform “Should Never Be A Partisan Issue”

May 2018: Freitas Said Criminal Justice Reform “Should Never Be A Partisan Issue.” “Criminal justice reform is not and should never be a partisan issue, but an issue which both sides can fix together.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/24/18](#)]



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December 2018: Freitas Said That He Supported Police, While Supporting Criminal Justice Reform

December 2018: Freitas Said That He Supported Police, While Supporting Criminal Justice Reform. “Support for criminal justice reform is NOT being anti Police. I support criminal justice reform BECAUSE I support our men and women in blue! I’m tired of politicians blaming the police for altercations that wouldn’t happen if politicians would stop passing ridiculous laws!” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/21/18](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/21/18](#)]

October 2019: Freitas Claimed That Trump “Has Done More For Criminal Justice Reform Than Obama Ever Did”

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[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [10/4/19](#)]

2020: Freitas Opposed Increasing The Minimum Age For A Juvenile To Be Tried As An Adult For Murder From 14 To 16

2020: Freitas Opposed Increasing The Minimum Age For A Juvenile To Be Tried As An Adult From 14 To 16. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 477. “Increases from 14 years of age to 16 years of age the minimum age at which a juvenile must be tried as an adult in circuit court for murder or aggravated malicious wounding; however, if the juvenile is 14 years of age or older but younger than 16 years of age, the court, on motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth, shall hold a transfer hearing. The minimum age is also raised from 14 to 16 for certain charges requiring notice of intent to try such juvenile as an adult by the attorney for the Commonwealth. In order to be tried as an adult in circuit court for the charges that under current law require notice of intent to proceed with trial as an adult by the attorney for the Commonwealth, the bill requires that (i) a report concerning the juvenile be prepared by the court services unit or other qualified agency and (ii) the attorney for the Commonwealth provide written notice that he intends to proceed with a preliminary hearing for trial of such juvenile as an adult, including affirmation that he has read the report.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 71-28. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 477, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Allowing A Convicted Felon Who Pled Guilty To Petition For A Writ Of Innocence Based On New Evidence

Freitas Opposed Allowing A Convicted Felon Who Pled Guilty To Petition For A Writ Of Innocence Based On New Evidence. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 974. “Provides that a person who was convicted of a felony or who was adjudicated delinquent by a circuit court of an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult may petition for a writ of actual innocence based on biological evidence or nonbiological evidence regardless of the type of plea he entered at trial. Under current law, such person may petition for a writ based on biological evidence if he entered a plea of not guilty, and any person, regardless of the type of plea he entered at trial, may petition for such writ if he is sentenced to death or convicted or adjudicated delinquent of murder or a felony for which the maximum punishment is imprisonment for life. The bill also (i) allows a writ of actual innocence based on nonbiological evidence to be granted if scientific testing of previously untested evidence, regardless of whether such evidence was available or known at the time of conviction, proves that no trier of fact would have found proof of guilt of the person petitioning for the writ, provided that the testing procedure was not available at the time of conviction, and (ii) eliminates the provision that limits a petitioner to only one writ of actual innocence based on nonbiological evidence for any conviction. The bill provides that the petitioner must prove the allegations supporting either type of writ of actual innocence by a preponderance of the evidence. Currently, the petitioner must prove such allegations by clear and convincing evidence. Finally, the bill clarifies that the Attorney General may join a petition for a writ of actual innocence filed in connection with an adjudication of delinquency.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 58-41. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 974, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

Asset Forfeiture**May 2018: Freitas Sponsored A Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Bill That He Claimed Was Endorsed By The Tea Party And The State ACLU**

May 2018: Freitas Sponsored A Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Bill That He Claimed Was Endorsed By The Tea Party And The State ACLU. “In the VA House, I sponsored a civil asset forfeiture reform bill supported by the Tea Party, Family Foundation, and ACLU of VA. This is a bipartisan effort.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/24/18](#)]

February 2018: According To The ACLU Of Virginia, It Did Endorse House Bill 900 Which Was Introduced By Freitas And Required A Criminal Conviction Before Asset Forfeiture Could Be Used. “The ACLU of Virginia supports due process and believes that law enforcement should not be able to seize and keep anyone’s

property without a criminal conviction. We oppose civil asset forfeiture, also known as policing for profit. This bill would require that a criminal conviction be required for any civil asset forfeiture to take place.” [ACLU of Virginia, 2018 General Assembly Cross-Over Report, accessed [6/8/20](#)]



2018 General Assembly – Cross-Over Report

Cross-over for the 2018 General Assembly session was midnight on Feb. 13, 2018. This means each house may only consider legislation and amendments of the other house, with the exception of the Budget Bill.

Following are bills remaining in the 2018 session that the ACLU of Virginia is actively working to support or oppose.

Bills We Support

Criminal Justice Reform

House Bill 900 (Freitas) - Forfeiture of property used in connection with commission of crimes; finding of guilt required.

Passed House Courts of Justice Committee 12-6; passed House 81-18.

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Freitas Wanted To Limit The Ability Of Law Enforcement To Seize Property Before Conviction. “One candidate stands out – Virginia House Del. Nick Freitas. [...] Some of his proposed bills that would benefit Shenandoah Valley residents include limiting the ability of law enforcement to seize an individual’s property before conviction, implementing regulatory reform, exempting Virginia from Daylight Saving Time, legalizing hemp research, expediting the land-use permit process for utility companies offering communication services, ranked-choice voting, protecting aquaculture use in agricultural zones, alternative treatments and licensing solutions for veterans, guaranteed acceptance of dual enrollment credits at each public institution of higher education, approval to lease or sublease buildings and/or spaces owned by the commonwealth to charities offering addiction recovery services, establishment of high school-to-work partnerships, approval for bed and breakfast licensees to serve alcohol with or without a meal, assurance that no college student can be compelled to live in a campus housing facility, and much more.” [Northern Virginia Daily, 5/31/18]

2020: Freitas Successfully Sponsored Legislation That Reformed Asset Forfeiture Rules

December 2019: Freitas Introduced HB 225, Which Required A Stay Of Asset Forfeiture Until The Subject Has Been Found Guilty Of The Crime That Allows For The Forfeiture. “Forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of crimes; finding of guilt required. Requires that any action for the forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of a crime be stayed until the person whose property is the subject of the forfeiture action has been found guilty of the crime authorizing the forfeiture, regardless of whether he has been sentenced. The bill provides that property may be forfeited even though no finding of guilt is made if (i) the forfeiture is ordered by the court pursuant to a plea agreement or (ii) the owner has not submitted a written demand for the return of the property within 21 days from the date the stay terminates.” [HB 225, Introduced [12/28/19](#)]

Marijuana Decriminalization

April 2020: Freitas Objected To Elements Of A Marijuana Decriminalization Bill, Claiming That It Would Take Away Right To Trial By Jury

Freitas Raised Concerned With A Bill That Would Make Marijuana Possession A Civil Offense, Saying That It Would Take Away Trial-By-Jury For Those Cases. “The Virginia General Assembly on Wednesday night approved 15 of Gov. Ralph Northam’s 17 proposed amendments to legislation that would decriminalize marijuana, meaning the bill heads back to the governor. The legislation, if approved by the governor, would make possession of marijuana a civil offense punishable by a \$25 fine. It would seal the records of those previously convicted of possession and prohibit employers from asking about past convictions. Amendments six and 17 from Northam failed to gather enough votes. Amendment six included language lawmakers believed would have removed the right to a trial by jury of anyone caught with possession of marijuana if appealed to a circuit court. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle objected to its inclusion. ‘We have always had the right to a jury trial for the possession of marijuana,’ said Sen. Joe Morrissey, D-Henrico. Morrissey said many civil infractions, such as a traffic violation, permit a person to appeal to a circuit court and be given a trial by jury. Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, made a similar objection. He said there is no reason to take away the right to a trial by jury.” [Washington Examiner, 4/23/20]

Police And Law Enforcement

2020: Responding To Calls To “Defund” Police Forces, Freitas Attacked The Concept As “Ridiculous”

Freitas Attacked Calls To “Defund The Police” As Ridiculous. “You want to completely defund your police department. Okay. If you do that, I want you to take ownership of the idea, because quite frankly, I think it’s ridiculous. I think it’s stupid. I think it’s going to backfire. I think innocent people are going to be hurt by this.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 5:33, [6/9/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Defended The Concept Of Qualified Immunity

June 2020: Freitas Defended Qualified Immunity. “If you don’t have that qualified immunity, you could get into a place where officers are constantly in court, and taxpayers are constantly fitting the bill when a police officer wasn’t doing anything. It’s just an attorney that sees a way to make a lot of money by only taking law enforcement to court. The problem with qualified immunity is I think we have gotten to a point where it’s gotten out of hand. And so I think the solution is is to definitely reform the process by by how we look at qualified immunity, because we do want our law enforcement officers understanding that their obligation is protect The Constitutional rights and the property of the citizenry. And that’s the sort of mindset that we want them to have. So, yes, qualified immunity to prevent the kind of frivolous lawsuits that you might see from someone saying, Oh, well, you know, I shouldn’t have been pulled over. When we have clear cases of excessive force or brutality that should not have taken place.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 25:29, [6/2/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Defended The Practice Of No-Knock Warrants In Certain Situations

Freitas: “There Are Times When A No Knock Warrant Can Be Appropriate.” “No knock warrants should have an incredibly high threshold in order to get approval. And in many cases that they do. There’s always cases of, or bad examples of when a no knock warrant went bad and somebody innocent was hurt as a result. By the same token [unclear] on for before they had no knock warrants. There was times where law enforcement officers when they were serving a warrant of somebody that they knew was violent and knew was heavily armed, literally had to walk up to the door, completely covered head to toe and in body armor and protective vest in order to knock the door and say ‘police. We have a warrant.’ And no sooner he said, ‘Police, we have a warrant’ than a stream of bullets came pouring through the door and hit the officer several times. Another officer was actually awarded the Medal of Valor because they jumped out, left cover, and pulled that officer to [unclear] twice. So, yes, there are times, there are times when a no knock warrant can be appropriate. But does there need to be a high threshold to make sure that that’s not a regular process that we use? Does it need to be reserved for only those instances where we know someone’s going to be in a location, we know they’re violent, we know they’ve made threats against the

police and are willing to, to fight with the police? Yes. And so I think we can have some reform there as well, which would, which would be positive.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 26:27, [6/2/20](#)]

Incarceration

February 2020: Freitas Accused Virginia Democrats Of Pushing For The Early Release Of Convicted Murderers

February 2020: Freitas Accused Virginia Democrats Of Pushing For The Early Release Of Convicted Murderers. “Democrats want an early release option for offenders serving time for 1st Degree Murder and Rape...but if the rapist they released comes to my home to hurt my 17-year-old daughter and she defends herself using my gun, I’m now a class 6 felon. Who have Democrats made ‘safer?’” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/3/20](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/3/20](#)]

Freitas Said Democrats Were Pushing For “Early Release For First Degree Murderers.” “ I am sick and tired of Democrats telling me simultaneously, that they’re banning guns from law abiding citizens in the name of public safety, while at the same time they pass pieces of legislation that allows for early release for worshipping murderers, rapists, etc, etc, etc. So at the same time that they want to disarm you, they want to allow violent offenders back into your communities.” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Sexual Assault

Freitas Accused Democrats Of “Weaponizing” Sexual Assault Allegations And Wanted Allegations To Be “Treated Evenly”

Freitas On Sexual Assault Accusations: “The Other Side Of That Story Is When Someone Is Accused They Are Entitled To Due Process Of Law.” “Whenever a woman comes forward with an allegation, there’s a couple things we should do. One, she should be treated with respect and she should be treated, um... she should get the benefit of the doubt with respect to, uh, taking her story and researching the facts and the evidence in order to find out whether or not something took place or if it took place in a manner that the claim is in. Right? I think that should apply no matter who you are. The other side of that story is when someone is accused they are entitled to due process of law. [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 42:30, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas: Democrats “Have Tried To Weaponize Accusations In One Respect. And Then They’ve Tried To Completely Ignore Them In Another Respect.” 44:02 – “I’m glad they finally came around. Because that is the appropriate approach. But the problem is they didn’t do that for Bret Kavanaugh. They haven’t done that for other people. They have tried to weaponize accusations in one respect. And then they’ve tried to completely ignore them in another respect.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 44:02, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas: Treat Sexual Assault Allegations “Evenly Across The Board.” “If you really want to say that you’re going to support women and that you want women to be confident when they come forward that they’re going to be given a fair hearing and they’re going to be treated fairly and with respect and that they’re going to have these accusations taken seriously by law enforcement, well then don’t treat it like a political tool when you find it convenient for you. Treat it evenly across the board. Because that, that is what they’re entitled to. That is actually treating a claim with respect.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 44:29, [5/5/20](#)]

Fire And Building Safety

Freitas Opposed Certification Requirements For Fire Sprinkler Manufacturers And Inspectors

Freitas Opposed Certification Requirements For Fire Sprinkler Manufacturers And Inspectors. In 2019, Freitas Voted Against SB 1774. “Creates the classification of fire sprinkler contractor for the purpose of licensure by the Board for Contractors (the Board). The bill also creates a certification for automatic fire sprinkler inspectors and prohibits any person from conducting inspections of automatic fire sprinkler systems unless he maintains or is accompanied by a person who maintains a Level II or higher NICET certification. The bill requires the Board to promulgate regulations requiring continuing education and knowledge of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code as prerequisites for certification renewal as an automatic fire sprinkler inspector. The provisions of the bill mandating NICET certification have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 87-12. [SB 1774, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/19/19](#)]

Economic & Business Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas voted against state incentives to bring Amazon's HQ2 to Virginia.*
- ✓ *2019: Freitas cast the sole nay vote in the house against establishing a Virginia Rural IT Apprenticeship program.*
- ✓ *Freitas had close connections to the alcohol industry and promoted legislation to their benefit.*

Freitas Opposed State Incentives For Amazon To Establish Its HQ2 In Northern Virginia

January 2019: Freitas Voted Against An Incentives Package For Amazon's Prospective HQ2 In Northern Virginia

In January 2019, Freitas, Voted Against An Incentives Package For Amazon's Prospective HQ2 In Northern Virginia. In January 2019, Freitas voted against SB 1255. "Creates the Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund. A qualified e-commerce company that makes a capital investment of at least \$2 billion in a major headquarters facility in Arlington County and that creates at least 25,000 new full-time jobs with an average annual wage of \$150,000 will be eligible for up to \$550 million in grants from the Fund. A qualified company may also be eligible for an additional \$200 million in grants for creating an additional 12,850 new full-time jobs. This bill is identical to HB 2356." The House passed the bill by a vote of 83-16. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 1255, House Floor Vote (Passage), [1/28/19](#)]

Appropriations Chairman Chris Jones, A Republican, Estimated The Net Revenue Benefit To The Commonwealth At \$3.2 Billion After Completion Of HQ2. "Legislation to carry out Virginia's promised incentives for Amazon's \$2.5 billion headquarters in Arlington County is on its way to Gov. Ralph Northam for his signature. The House of Delegates approved SB 1255 — the incentives package already endorsed by the Senate — on an 83-16 vote Monday. The legislature's moves ensure quick action on promises Northam and a high-level legislative commission made for an economic development project that must create 25,000 high-paying jobs in order for the company to receive \$550 million from the state. The legislation provides an additional \$200 million in the future if Amazon commits to a second phase of the headquarters that would create an additional 12,850 jobs, paying an average annual salary of \$150,000. 'They're post-performance,' said House Appropriations Chairman Chris Jones, R-Suffolk, who carried the same legislation in the House and estimated the revenue benefit to the state at \$3.2 billion, after paying the incentives." [Roanoke Times, [1/28/19](#)]

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In December 2018, Freitas Said That "I Like Amazon...I Don't Like Cronyism." "I like Amazon...I don't like cronyism. Reading the deal Amazon got from the government reminded me of this video by reasontv." [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/11/18](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [12/11/19](#)]

Rural Internet And Technology

2019: Freitas Was The Sole Vote Against A Bill Establishing The Virginia Rural IT Apprenticeship Grant Fund Program

February 2019: Freitas Cast The Lone Vote Against An On-The-Job Information Technology Training In Rural Virginia. In February 2019, Freitas cast the sole vote in the House against SB 1495. “Establishes the Virginia Rural Information Technology Apprenticeship Grant Fund and Program, to be administered by the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, for the purpose of awarding grants to small, rural information technology businesses in certain localities in the Southwest and Southside regions of Virginia to establish 18-month apprenticeship programs for full-time employees that combine mentorship and on-the-job training to enhance the experience and skills of such employees.” The House approved the measure by a vote of 98-1. [SB 1495, House Floor Vote (final adoption), [2/21/19](#)]

Distilleries And Alcohol Industry

Freitas Made Political Errands For Distillers Who Contributed To His Campaigns

Freitas Was Close With Distillery Owner And Congressman Denver Riggleman

2017: Freitas Attended A Party Hosted By Denver Riggleman At His Distillery In Support Of Ed Gillespie’s Campaign. “Once opponents in the race for governor, Republican nominee Ed Gillespie and Nelson County resident Denver Riggleman met again Saturday. This time, Riggleman welcomed Gillespie to his distillery for a ‘Whiskey Rebellion’ party in support of Gillespie’s campaign. [...] A number of state legislators — Dels. Ben Cline, R-Rockbridge; Dickie Bell, R-Staunton; and Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper; as well as state Sen. Bryce Reeves, R-Spotsylvania, who was defeated by state Sen. Jill Holtzman Vogel, R-Fauquier, in his bid to become the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor — also were in attendance.” [Lynchburg News & Advance, [7/29/17](#)]

February 2017: Freitas Was “Honored” To Have Former Gubernatorial Candidate And Distillery Owner Denver Riggleman’s Endorsement. Freitas posted on Facebook, “Denver Riggleman believes in the Conservative cause, and he’s always fighting for the good of our country and the good of the Commonwealth! I’m honored to have Denver’s endorsement.” [Nick Freitas, Facebook, [2/7/18](#)]



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Silverback Distillery Owner Denver Riggelman Donated \$6,700 To Nick Freitas' U.S. Senate Campaign. Riggelman, who listed Silverback Distillery as his employer, donated \$1,000 for the primary on December 8, 2017, \$2,700 for the primary on March 31, 2018, and \$3,000 for the general on March 31, 2018. [Freitas For U.S. Senate, FEC, accessed 5/14/18]

In 2017, Denver Riggelman Donated \$1,000 To Freitas For Delegate. [VPAP, 5/26/17]

Freitas Sponsored A Resolution To Commend Donor Chuck Miller And His Belmont Farms Distillery

In 2017, Freitas Introduced A Measure Commending Belmont Farms Distillery. [HJ 1062, Passed Senate, [2/23/17](#)]

Chuck Miller Of Belmont Distillery Donated \$1,500 To Freitas For Delegate In 2017 And \$500 In 2016. [VPAP, accessed [6/25/20](#)]

Freitas Sponsored A Successful Bill Which Allowed Distilleries To Sell Their Product At Certain Festivals And Events Within Virginia

In 2017, Freitas Sponsored A Bill To Allow Distilleries To Sell Their Product At Virginia Festivals And Events Focused On Spirits. “Virginia’s more than 40 distilleries will be able to sell bottles of their products at in-state festivals and events focused on spirits starting early this summer. Prior to passage of the identical bills SB 1448 and HB 2029 in the General Assembly’s 2017 session, distillers only were permitted to sell their products through state liquor stores and in highly regulated amounts in on-site tasting rooms. Customers also could purchase bottles of distilled spirits at Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control-approved, on-site distillery stores. Sen. R. Creigh Deeds, D-Bath County, and Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, sponsored the respective bills. The legislation, signed into law by Gov. Terry McAuliffe and set to take effect July 1, was presented by the Virginia Distillers Association, a newly formed lobby organization formed by the state’s distillers to fight for loosening regulations on the tightly controlled industry. According to VDA lobbyist Curtis Coleburn, the legislation helps distillers reach more customers and increase their sales.” [Charlottesville Business Reporter, 3/17/18]

Freitas Sponsored Other Legislation To Loosen Regulations On The Distilling Industry

In 2016, Freitas Sponsored A Bill Simplifying The Way Distilleries Could Sell Alcohol Distilled On Site. The Charlottesville Business Journal reported, “Currently, distilleries act as agents for the ABC [Alcoholic Beverage Control] as part of a system built during the transition out of Prohibition. When Silverback sells a bottle of booze it distills on premises, the business sends all proceeds to the ABC. At least a month later, the ABC returns about 46 percent of revenue. A bill carried by Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, to undo this system died in subcommittee moments after the phrase ‘fiscal impact’ was muttered. It would have cost ABC coffers \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2017, according to the ABC. In the bill’s impact statement, the ABC said that loss could grow to \$3.5 million per year by Fiscal Year 2022.” [Charlottesville Business Journal, 2/16]

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Freitas' Bill Was Left In The House General Laws Committee. Freitas was the chief patron of HB 1375, which was introduced in January 2016. According to Virginia's Legislative Information System, "Creates parity between Distilleries and Wineries for the purpose of on-site retail sales, administration, and accounting." [HB 1375, Left in General Laws, 2/16/16]

In 2016, Freitas Was Chief Patron Of A Measure That Would Allow Distillers To Provide Samples Of Their Product. In February 2016, Freitas voted for HB 1350, a measure for which he served as chief patron. According to Virginia's Legislative Information System, "Allows a distiller licensee that has been appointed as an agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to give samples of spirits to persons to whom alcoholic beverages may be lawfully sold for on-premises consumption, provided that (i) the spirits samples are manufactured within the same licensed premises; (ii) no single sample exceeds one-half ounce of spirits, unless served as a mixed beverage, in which case a single sample may contain up to one and one-half ounces of spirits; (iii) no more than three ounces of spirits are given or sold to any person per day; and (iv) a method is used to track the consumption of each consumer." The measure passed the House on a 92 – 6 vote and was approved by the governor. [HB 1350, House Floor Vote (Passage), 2/16/16]

In 2017, Freitas Was The Chief Patron Of A Bill Allowing Licensed Distillers To Sell Spirits At Events. In February 2017, Freitas voted for HB 2029, a measure for which he served as chief patron. According to Virginia's Legislative Information System, HB 2029 "Allows a licensed distiller who has been appointed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as an agent to sell spirits manufactured by the distiller at a site of an event licensed by the Board and conducted for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about spirits products." The measure passed the House on a 98 – 0 vote and was approved by the governor. [HB 2029, House Floor Vote (Block Passage), 2/1/17]

The Bill "Was Presented By The Virginia Distillers Association, A Newly Formed Lobby Organization Formed By The State's Distillers To Fight For Loosening Regulations On The Tightly Controlled Industry." The Charlottesville Business Reporter reported, "Virginia's more than 40 distilleries will be able to sell bottles of their products at in-state festivals and events focused on spirits starting early this summer. Prior to passage of the identical bills SB 1448 and HB 2029 in the General Assembly's 2017 session, distillers only were permitted to sell their products through state liquor stores and in highly regulated amounts in on-site tasting rooms. Customers also could purchase bottles of distilled spirits at Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control-approved, on-site distillery stores. Sen. R. Creigh Deeds, D-Bath County, and Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, sponsored the respective bills. The legislation, signed into law by Gov. Terry McAuliffe and set to take effect July 1, was presented by the Virginia Distillers Association, a newly formed lobby organization formed by the state's distillers to fight for loosening regulations on the tightly controlled industry. According to VDA lobbyist Curtis Coleburn, the legislation helps distillers reach more customers and increase their sales." [Charlottesville Business Reporter, 3/17]

The Virginia Distillers Association Visited The Capitol To Thank Legislators For Their Support Of Pro-Spirits Legislation, Including Freitas' HB 2029; Freitas Said He Was "Proud To Support Entrepreneurial Small Businesses And Encourage The Growth Of The Virginia Spirits Industry." According to a Virginia Distillers Association press release, "Last week members of the Virginia Distillers

Association (VDA) visited the State Capitol during their first Annual Legislative Day to thank their Senators and Delegates for their support of Senate Bill 1448 and House Bill 2029, which are identical bills designed to allow Virginia distilleries to sell bottles at events conducted for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about spirits. The bills have been ushered through the first-half of the General Assembly session with unanimous bipartisan support from the Senate and the House; and are proceeding into crossover this week for subsequent review. [...] House Bill 2029 Co-Patrons Delegates Kory and Freitas added in that they are ‘Proud to support entrepreneurial small businesses and encourage the growth of the Virginia spirits industry.’” [Virginia Distillers Association, [2/8/17](#)]

After HB 2029 Was Signed Into Law, The President Of The Virginia Distillers Association Said In A Statement, “The VDA Would Like To Thank Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegates Nick Freitas And Kaye Kory; The Patrons Of The Legislation, For Their Support Of Our Growing Industry.” According to the Virginia Distillers Association, “Last week, Governor Terry McAuliffe formally signed off on Senate Bill 1448 and House Bill 2029 which are identical bills presented by the Virginia Distillers Association (VDA); which will enable Virginia distilleries to sell bottles at events conducted for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about spirits effective July 1, 2017. VDA President and CEO of Virginia Distillery Company Gareth Moore said in a statement, ‘Virginia legislators are becoming much more enthusiastic and supportive of Virginia’s burgeoning craft spirits industry; this recent legislation is a success for expanding market access in partnership with Virginia ABC. The VDA would like to thank Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegates Nick Freitas and Kaye Kory; the patrons of the legislation, for their support of our growing industry.’” [Virginia Distillers Association, [2/27/17](#)]

2020: Freitas Voted Against Bipartisan Alcohol Licensing Changes Which Standardized License And Fee Structure

February 2020: HB 390 Was Introduced Which Simplified Alcohol Licensing Structure In Virginia. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 390. “Reorganizes all alcoholic beverage control licenses pursuant to the three-tier structure and license privileges, consolidates many licenses with common privileges, aligns license fee amounts with enforcement demands, and standardizes quantity limits on alcohol samples. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill on a 84-9 vote. The Governor approved the measure.[HB 390, House Floor Vote (final adoption) [2/26/20](#)]

Education Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas opposed the existence of the Department of Education and called it a “Constitutional Usurpation.”*
- ✓ *Freitas believed that tuition-free public schools would actually harm lower-income students.*
- ✓ *Freitas attacked student-loan forgiveness as form of election bribery.*
- ✓ *In 2019, Freitas voted against improved school bus driver training standards.*

Department Of Education

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“FREITAS: ‘Yeah, let me just use an example, Department of Education. Republican will get up at a committee meeting and be like, you know, we need to abolish the Department of Education. Now, look, you look at Article One, section eight of the Constitution. Yeah. Why is the federal government trying to micromanage education? Why is it trying to constantly interfere? It doesn’t make sense. But if you tell an audience that that, quite frankly, isn’t all that familiar with Article One, section eight and thinks that the Department of Education just needs more funding for their child in school, that’s not going to be a message that resonates.” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Freitas Called The Department Of Education A “Constitutional Usurpation.” “FREITAS: ‘Your teachers will be paid better your students will be getting a more quality education. That’s all we’re talking about doing. That’s the sort of thing where somebody that doesn’t have an initial, you know, frustration with the, you know, kind of constitutional usurpation of the Department of Education can look at and say, No, I understand that that makes sense to me.’” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

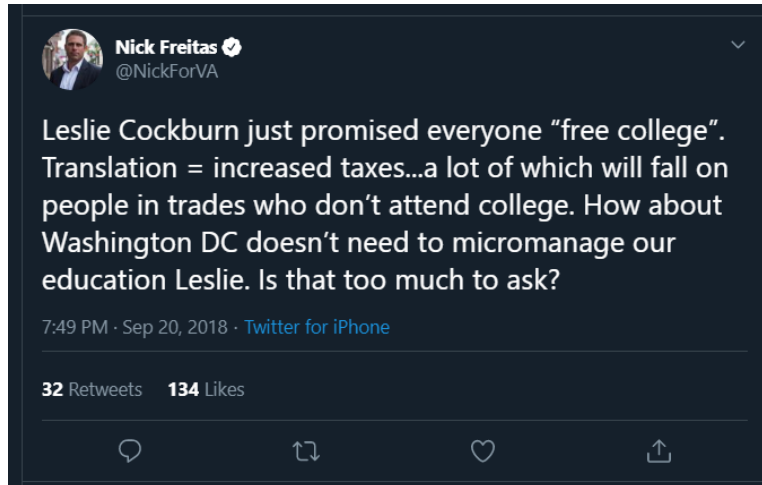
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Freitas Claimed That Federal Mandates Caused Teachers To Lose 40% Of Their Teaching Time. “But if you go to that same person, and you say, Look, do you think it’s fair to your teachers that they have to spend 20 to 40% of their average week not focused on your job, but meetings, federal and state mandates? Well, of course not. Hey, do you think it’s a good idea for us to rip millions of dollars out of communities send it up through a huge federal bureaucracy, only to send a little bit of it back with so many strings attached, that it can’t even be effectively implemented? No, I don’t. Okay, did you realize that that’s what the department Education is doing right now. And if we could just limit what they’re trying to do and get that money back into the communities, or not better yet, don’t take it from the communities in the first place. Your teachers will be paid better your students will be getting a more quality education. That’s all we’re talking about doing.” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

College Affordability

September 2018: Freitas Claimed “Free College” Would Disproportionately Harm Lower Income People Due To Tax Increases

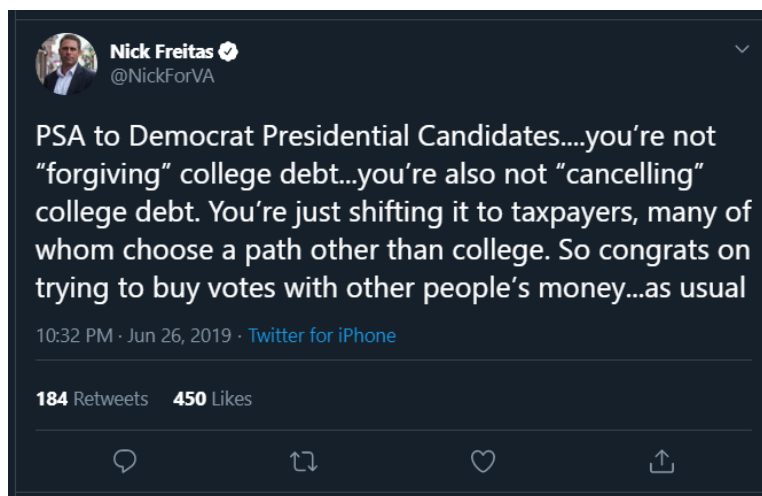
September 2018: Freitas Claimed “Free College” Would Disproportionately Harm Lower Income People Due To Tax Increases. “Leslie Cockburn just promised everyone “free college”. Translation = increased taxes...a lot of which will fall on people in trades who don’t attend college. How about Washington DC doesn’t need to micromanage our education Leslie. Is that too much to ask?” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [9/20/18](#)]



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June 2019: Freitas Called College Debt Forgiveness Proposals “Trying To Buy Votes With Other People’s Money”

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Freitas Claimed That “School Choice” Would Best Serve Children With Special Needs Or Unique Talent

Freitas Claimed That “School Choice” Would Best Serve Children With Special Needs Or Unique Talent. “FRETAS: ‘So when you when you say, Well, look, we need to start pulling back some of this government interference in education, give people more choice. You’re taking away what they do know and what are you showing them in return? But if you can actually take the time to articulate it, no, let me give you an idea of what it would look like if you had more control over how your education dollars were spent. And how If you have a student that has special unique needs, that you would be able to get them specific tutors instead of being forced in whatever government program that they provide you, if you were a, if you were a parent and your student had just an incredible ability to do math or a real gift with music, you would actually be able to allocate education dollars in accordance with your children’s strengths, to set them up for future success and really allow them to chase their dreams and their passions and their ambitions.’” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Freitas Said That Public Schools Needed To Be Reduced Or Dissolved So Children Could Be Indoctrinated In Proper Perceptions Of Capitalism And To Win Elections

Freitas Said That Public Schools Needed To Be Reduced Or Dissolved So Children Could Be Indoctrinated In Proper Perceptions Of Capitalism And To Win Elections. “FREITAS: ‘I mean, there’s no, there’s no shock to me that when we talk to young people, we find that 70 to 80% of them have a more favorable view of socialism or capitalism. But it’s not because capitalism is a bad idea. It’s not because we shouldn’t argue for it. It’s because they actually they’ve only heard a caricature of capitalism, they’ve only heard a caricature of free markets. And by the same token, they’ve only heard this puppy dogs and lollipops version of socialism. So it’s about it’s about actually engaging with young people early on, not letting them go through, you know, 12 to 14 to 16 years of education, which is largely directed toward convincing them that the government is their best buddy. You know, that that’s the sort of hard work that we need to put into place. It’s not just about elections.’” [Conservative Review Podcast, 6/12/20]

Freitas Promoted What He Called An “Individualized” Education Experience

Freitas: “The Marketplace Of Education Is Able To Adapt And Come Up With A More Individualized Experience” Than The Government. “I can’t imagine why anybody thinks it a good idea for the government to micromanage education, either from Washington DC or Richmond. When we actually put, when we give parents more control over how their education dollars are spent, that’s beneficial for the students because now the marketplace of ideas, the marketplace of education is able to adapt and come up with a more individualized experience. Teachers will actually be rewarded based off all the hard work they put into it instead of some government standardized test that’s being imposed upon them.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 26:03, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas On Education Reform: “I Want To See Something Where Dollars Are Following Students.” “I want to see something where dollars are following students. I want to see something where a student can get more of an individualized curriculum. I want to see an education system that puts more emphasis on supporting teachers instead of supporting massive funding for administration within schools. It’s fascinating to me that the overall student population in the United States since 1970 has decreased... I forget what it was I think it was like, like less than 10% on overall class size, whereas the number of administrators within our public education system has increased by about 90%. And I don’t think you would see that in a system where parents had more choice over their kids’ education. [...] So I think we need more freedom for students. More freedom for teachers. Less government monopolization. Less of a one size fits all approach. And I think in the end that’s what’s going to provide a far better system. And again, I think it’ll be better for students. It’ll be better for teachers.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 26:40, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas: Kids Are Being Failed ‘Because The Government Is Trying To Constantly Intervene Into The Classroom.’ “So many of our kids, and I got news for you, it’s not wealthy kids. So many of our kids went up in poor neighborhoods being assigned to schools that have repeatedly failed them, not because their teachers are bad, but because the government is trying to constantly intervene into the classroom. Those are the kids being failed.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 41:17, [6/9/20](#)]

Family Planning & Sex Education

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Bi-Partisan Bill To Require Education On Consent To Be Included In Any “Family Life Education Curriculum”

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against Requiring Curriculum Around Consent In “Family Life” Education Programs. In February 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2205. “Requires any high school family life education curriculum offered by a local school division to incorporate age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs on the law and meaning of consent. Under current law, such elements are permissive in any high school family life education curriculum.” The House Adopted the bill by a vote of 91-9. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 2205, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption) [2/20/19](#)]

Freitas Promoted Abstinence-Only Education

Freitas Said That “If You’re Not Ready To Be A Daddy, Don’t Do Daddy Things.” “FREITAS: ‘And the other thing I’ll say to the men in the room, and I’ve said this to young men a lot. I had to go speak at Boys State with the American Legion. If you’re not ready to be a daddy, don’t do daddy things. It really is that simple.’” [Henrico Town Hall, 2/19/20]

School Buses

2019: Freitas Was One Of Six Delegates To Vote Against Improved School Bus Driver Training Standards

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against Requiring School Bus Drivers To Be Trained On Adverse Weather Conditions And Other Safety Measures Including Safe Onloading And Offloading Of Students. In February 2019, Freitas voted against SB 1713. “Requires the Board of Education to include in its training program for school bus operators safety protocols for responding to adverse weather conditions, unsafe conditions during loading and unloading of students, students on the wrong bus, and other circumstances, as determined by the Board, where student safety is at risk.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 88-6. The measure was approved by the Governor. [SB 1713, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/15/19](#)]

Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *During his bid for the Republican nomination for US Senate in 2018, Freitas promoted voting by mail.*
- ✓ *Freitas supported term limits for members of Congress.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed automatic voter registration.*
- ✓ *Freitas defended voter ID laws as a protection against voter fraud.*
- ✓ *Freitas was an advocate for Ranked Choice Voting, and promoted legislation to that effect.*

Absentee Voting And Vote By Mail

May 2018: Freitas Promoted Absentee Voting

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Term Limits

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the Constitution. Article V allows the states to come together and pass a constitutional amendment, but to do so, 34 states must request an Article V convention. The good news is that 27 states have signed on. The bad news is that Virginia is not one of them, nor do lawmakers in Richmond have any inclination to do so. Out of 140 legislators, only four have signed the U.S. Term Limits' pledge: Dels. Robert M. Thomas Jr. (R-Stafford), Ibraheem S. Samirah (D-Fairfax) and Nick Freitas (R-Culpeper) and Sen. Emmett W. Hanger Jr. (R-Augusta). This is in stark contrast to our neighbors to the west - roughly one-third of West Virginia legislators (38 House delegates and 11 senators) have signed on." [Washington Post, 8/30/19]

Voter Registration

Freitas Voted Against Automatic Voter Registration

Freitas Voted Against Automatic Voter Registration. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 235. "Provides for the automatic electronic transmission by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Elections of certain information for any person coming into an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles or accessing its website in order to (i) apply for, replace, or renew a driver's license; (ii) apply for, replace, or renew a special identification card; or (iii) change an address on an existing driver's license or special identification card if the person indicates that he is a United States citizen and is 17 years of age or older and, at the time of the transaction, does not decline to have his information transmitted to the Department of Elections for voter registration purposes. The option to decline to have his information so transmitted shall be presented at the time of one of the specified transactions with the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall be accompanied by a warning that intentionally making a materially false statement during the transaction is punishable under Virginia law as a felony. Upon receipt of the information collected to ensure that the person meets all voter registration eligibility requirements, the Department of Elections is required to determine whether the person is already registered to vote. If the person is not already registered to vote, the Department of Elections is required to transmit the information to the appropriate general registrar. The bill repeals the requirement that the Department of Motor Vehicles offer, accept, receive, and send voter registration applications." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 53-46. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 235, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Freitas Defended Voter ID Laws As Protecting Against Voter Fraud

Freitas Claimed That Eliminating Voter ID Laws And Same Day Voter Registration "Made It A Lot Easier" For Somebody To Commit Voter Fraud. "When the Democrats got rid of Voter ID laws they essentially made it a lot easier for somebody to commit fraud when the vote. When they did same day voter registration, again, that made it a lot easier for people to engage in voter fraud. Um, and there was a number of other measures that they actually took up this year that I think really challenges or could potentially challenge the integrity of elections." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 46:40, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas: Voter Fraud "Is A Very Serious Concern." "And unfortunately, a lot of our Democrat colleagues want to act as if voter fraud is not a serious concern. Well no, it is a very serious concern." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 46:59, [5/5/20](#)]

Ranked Choice Voting

May 2018: Freitas Supported Ranked Choice Voting

May 2018: Freitas Supported Ranked Choice Voting. "One candidate stands out – Virginia House Del. Nick Freitas. [...] Some of his proposed bills that would benefit Shenandoah Valley residents include limiting the ability of law enforcement to seize an individual's property before conviction, implementing regulatory reform, exempting Virginia from Daylight Saving Time, legalizing hemp research, expediting the land-use permit process for utility companies offering communication services, ranked-choice voting, protecting aquaculture use in agricultural zones,

alternative treatments and licensing solutions for veterans, guaranteed acceptance of dual enrollment credits at each public institution of higher education, approval to lease or sublease buildings and/or spaces owned by the commonwealth to charities offering addiction recovery services, establishment of high school-to-work partnerships, approval for bed and breakfast licensees to serve alcohol with or without a meal, assurance that no college student can be compelled to live in a campus housing facility, and much more.” [Northern Virginia Daily, 5/31/18]

2019: Freitas Attempted To Introduce Legislation To Allow For Ranked Choice Voting In Virginia

2019: Freitas Attempted To Introduce Legislation To Allow For Ranked Choice Voting In Virginia. “Efforts by a local legislator to allow ‘ranked-choice’ (or ‘instant-runoff’) voting in local elections has died in a state Senate committee. The measure, patroned by state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30th), would have allowed localities to adopt ranked-choice voting for boards of supervisors and city councils, starting in 2020. It was killed on a 10-4 vote of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, with two Democrats joining eight Republicans in nixing the bill. A similar, though not identical, measure patroned by Del. Nick Freitas (R-Culpeper) was killed earlier in the session by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Privileges and Elections.” [Inside NoVA, [2/5/19](#)]

2020: Freitas Mentioned Possibly Using Ranked Choice Voting As A Solution To Restrictions On Voting Imposed By COVID-19

2020: Freitas Mentioned Possibly Using Ranked Choice Voting As A Solution To Restrictions On Voting Imposed By COVID-19 For The VA-07 Republican Convention. “FREITAS: ‘There’s a couple different options. So they could do basically what they could do is if you did a mailing, they can do the mail-in ballot and then whoever the top two or the top candidates where they could reduce it down to that and you could just do a runoff between the top two. There’s also something called a ranked choice ballot where you would actually just number your, you know, one through whatever candidates.’” [Fredericks Radio Show, 4/2/20]

Freitas’ Host Dismissed The Idea As “Dangerous.” “FREITAS: ‘There’s also something called a ranked choice ballot where you would actually just number your, you know, one through whatever candidates.’ FREDERICKS: ‘That’s very dangerous. That’s very, that’s very dangerous because that’s like, Okay, I’m voting for Nick Freitas, who’s my second choice. I don’t have one, I’m voting for Nick free to sound like an idiot. I mean, it gets, you know, and it’s like, Well, okay, whatever, I don’t know anything about this one or that one, I’ll vote for them. I mean, it becomes it’s a lot different than when you’re sitting there. And one of your candidates is, is eliminated. And now your choices, you either vote for one of the others or you go home. I mean, that’s the way it works. That’s why that’s why I hate these things [conventions]. To begin with you should just have a primary!’” [Fredericks Radio Show, 4/2/20]

Environmental Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In July 2020, Freitas admitted that manmade climate change occurs.*
- ✓ *Freitas claimed that Democrats wanted to take over the economy to enact environmental policies.*
- ✓ *Freitas said that government intervention “ruined the environment.”*
- ✓ *Freitas called the Green New Deal a “Dem parody.”*
- ✓ *Freitas defended trophy hunting.*

Climate Change

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July 2020: Freitas Admitted That Manmade Climate Change Occurs. “FREITAS: I got asked the question, what do you think about climate change? I said, Well, I think it happens about four times a year in Virginia, sometimes four times a day, right. But what I did was I asked for clarification, I said, What do you mean? Do you mean like anthropogenic global warming, which is manmade climate change, ma'am. They said yes. They said, Well, here's the issue. Do we as human beings affect our environment? Absolutely. No question. I don't think anybody's disputing that, yes, we affect the environment. We can affect it in positive ways we can affect it in adverse and negative ways. I said, My problem is this. The solutions that I hear coming from the left when it comes to taking care of our environment, always seem to include taking away property rights, central planning of the economy. More government power over the environment.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 55:15, [7/15/20](#)]

Environmental Policy

September 2019: Freitas Claimed That Democrats Wanted To Take Over The Economy To Enact Environmental Policies

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Freitas Said That Everywhere The Government Has Control Over It, “They Have Ruined The Environment.” “FREITAS: ‘If we really care about the environment, we have to allow the innovation, the creativity in the marketplace, to actually provide us the products that are going to make a better environment. And then we also have to provide property owners the ability to take somebody to court, if somebody does infringe on their property, that's a taking. So that's how I would address the environmental concern. But my gosh, please don't give the government this draconian control over the environment. Because everywhere they have had it, they have ruined the environment.’” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:00:05, [7/15/20](#)]

Freitas: “One Of The Worst Things You Can Do For Green Energy Is Start To Heavily Subsidize It Through Government.” “Whenever the government tries to micromanage this is they take out the creativity and the innovation, which is absolutely necessary, in order to make sure that we actually do take care of the environment. One of the worst things you can do for green energy is start to heavily subsidize it through government. Because here's what ends up happening. The moment you start getting government subsidies, you stop doing research and development in order to make sure that you actually get the efficient product that actually works in the marketplace, and you just do whatever you need in order to get the government money.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 59:20, [7/15/20](#)]

Green New Deal

February 2019: Freitas Tweeted A Link To A Fox News Article That Called The Green New Deal A “Dem Parody”

February 2019: Freitas Tweeted A Link To A Fox News Article That Called The Green New Deal A “Dem Parody.” “WSJ writer slams Ocasio-Cortez’s Green New Deal, says it looks like Dem parody bill.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/8/19](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/8/19](#)]

Hunting

Freitas Defended Trophy Hunting

Freitas Defends Trophy Hunting. “FREITAS: ‘They do have certain trophy hunting, especially for lions and things like that, where the fees that are actually collected for that, go right back into ensuring a healthy habitat and making sure that those animals actually exist. And so I think we need to be careful about what is our instinct, because a lot of times we'll look at something and we'll say, Well, okay, well, how could they do that? Or why would we allow them to do that? And I think one of the things that we do have to recognize is that actually that's the mechanism which are keeping These populations vibrant and alive within these areas. And so I do, I think

there's a happy middle road there, where we can both protect the environment or in this case, protect those species, while at the same time understanding that there that there is a mechanism in place, which does that and which has been highly effective in doing so.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:01:33, [7/15/20](#)]

Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas voted against Virginia's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.*
 - ✓ *Freitas claimed that the ERA would eliminate women-owned small business programs.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed legislation prohibiting discrimination against women in the workplace due to pregnancy or childbirth.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed enforcing equal pay statutes.*

Equal Rights

2020: Freitas Voted Against Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment

January 2020: Freitas Voted Against Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment. In January 2020, Freitas voted against HJR 1. "Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that was proposed by Congress in 1972. The joint resolution advocates the position that the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment remains viable and may be ratified notwithstanding the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set out in the resolving clause, as amended, in the proposal adopted by Congress." The House adopted the measure by a vote of 59-41. The measure was agreed to by the Senate (consent of the Governor not required for adoption). [HJR 1, House Floor Vote (Adoption) [1/15/20](#)]

Freitas Questioned If The Equal Rights Amendment Would Eliminate "Women-Owned Small Business Programs" Because "They Discriminate Off Of Sex." "The Equal Rights Amendment was expected to be another top issue. Democrats say their caucus unanimously supports ratifying the gender equality measure and have pledged to do so quickly.[...] Opponents held a press conference Wednesday morning where they warned ratification would lead to the rollback of abortion restrictions as well as a host of negative consequences for women. 'Would our women-owned small business programs, would they go away since they discriminate based off of sex?' said Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper. 'These are legitimate questions that we keep asking.'" [NBC Washington, [1/9/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Legislation Outlawing Discrimination Against Women In The Workplace Due To Pregnancy Or Childbirth

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Outlawing Discrimination Against Women In The Workplace Due To Pregnancy Or Childbirth. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 827. "Requires employers, defined in the bill, to make reasonable accommodation for the known limitations of a person related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, if such accommodation is necessary to assist such person in performing a particular job, unless the employer can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer. The bill also prohibits employers from taking any adverse action against an employee who requests or uses a reasonable accommodation and from denying employment or promotion opportunities to an otherwise qualified applicant or employee because such employer will be required to make reasonable accommodation to the applicant or employee. The bill creates a cause of action against any employer who denies any of the rights afforded by the bill and permits the court or jury to award compensatory damages, back pay, and other equitable relief." The House

adopted the bill by a vote of 59-38. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 827, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/3/20](#)]

Equal Pay

Women In Virginia Made 79.3 Cents For Every Dollar A Man Made

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2020: Freitas Opposed Developing Mechanisms To Enforce Equal Pay Statutes

2020: Freitas Opposed Developing Mechanisms To Enforce Equal Pay Statutes. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 624. “Directs the Division of Human Rights of the Department of Law to develop recommendations regarding the type of information about businesses and their employees and the accompanying methodology that would be required for the Division to proactively enforce provisions of the Code of Virginia requiring equal pay of similarly situated employees irrespective of sex and race. The bill requires the Division to also develop recommendations regarding appropriate enforcement mechanisms, including causes of action and civil remedies, to address discrimination in compensation based on sex and race. In developing such recommendations, the bill directs the Division to engage stakeholders representing employers and employees in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Division to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2020.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 54-45. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 624, House Floor Vote (Adoption) [3/5/20](#)]

Financial Protections & Wall Street

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas supported decreasing banking regulations, claiming it would increase merit-based economic advancement.*

Wall Street

Freitas Supported Decreasing Banking Regulations

Freitas Supported Decreasing Banking Regulations, Claiming It Would Increase Merit-Based Economic Advancement. “Freitas said. ‘I’ve seen what happens when people give in to that philosophy of government control.’ [...] He said he supports rolling back regulations to allow for more competition, so that people’s success is based off their talents rather than connections. He also supports the Second Amendment and people’s right to protect themselves.” [Daily News-Record, 5/16/18]

Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2018, Freitas said he supported Donald Trump's dismissal of Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.*
- ✓ *In May 2018, Freitas stated that he opposed the Iran Nuclear Deal (JCPOA) and supported Trump Administration efforts to undo it.*
- ✓ *May 2018: Freitas said that "we are not the world's police force."*
- ✓ *Freitas stated that a President should not be allowed to commit military forces "long-term" without Congressional approval.*
- ✓ *In May 2018, Freitas stated that supported Trump Administration policy toward North Korea.*
 - ✓ *In March 2018, Freitas stated that he was "cautious" regarding a potential meeting between Trump and Kim Jong Un.*
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- ✓ *Freitas praised the 2003 invasion of Iraq as a liberation from a socialist dictatorship.*
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State Department

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War Powers

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April 2018: The US And Allies Launched Missile Strikes Against Syria In Response To Chemical Attacks. “The US, UK and France have launched more than 100 missiles against what they say were Syrian chemical weapons facilities in response to a chemical weapons attack in a Damascus suburb a week ago. The Pentagon said the strikes, which began at 4am Syrian time (0200 GMT), involved planes and ship-launched missiles and identified three targets: a scientific research centre in Damascus, a chemical weapons storage facility west of Homs, and another storage site and command post nearby. Announcing the launching of the action in a seven-minute speech, President Donald Trump said the US was prepared to sustain economic, diplomatic and military pressure on Syria’s president, Bashar al-Assad, until he ends what he called the criminal pattern of killing his own people with chemical weapons.” [The Guardian, 4/14/18]

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Freitas Praised Trump For His “Proper Restraint” For Use Of Force

Freitas Praised Donald Trump For His “Proper Restraint” For Use Of Force And Putting U.S. Troops In Harm’s Way. “FREITAS: And one of the ways that President Trump really won me over was because I finally heard a president for the first time A long time talking about a strong national defense taking care of our troops. But also recognizing the one of the ways you take care of our troops is you don’t expend their lives cheaply. And I’m very, very grateful for a president that will strike back when it is constitutionally appropriate and necessary to defend the United States. But they will also use the proper restraint and to not deploy men and women into harm’s way without having a clear us objective in order to get our troops in when the fight and get them home as safely as possible, because that is the obligation and Congress needs to step up and actually fulfill its constitutional responsibilities.” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

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North Korea

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Freitas Warned That The Potential Meeting Could End Up Being A “Propaganda Coup” For The North Korean Government. “FREITAS: ‘However, I will also say this; these sort of meetings are ultimately a negotiation. And I trust Trump’s ability to effectively negotiate. So it’ll be interesting to see what happens and what Transpires as a result, but I’m not going to jump right out and say he shouldn’t do it or he should do it because obviously there are some things going on behind the scene that I’m not currently aware of. I will say, we need to be very, very careful that this does not end up becoming a huge propaganda coup for the North Korean regime, which is easily one of the most brutal regimes in the world right now. What they have done to their people is absolutely atrocious. I’m willing to give the president some breathing room for negotiating space here because I think he’s perfectly capable of doing so, but, again, we need to be very, very careful on how we tread on this one.’” [John Fredericks Show, 3/13/18]

This Was Exactly What Happened. “North Korea has celebrated the Trump-Kim summit as a great win for the country, with state media reporting that the US intends to lift sanctions. The two leaders met on Tuesday, signing a brief declaration on denuclearisation and reducing tensions. President Donald Trump said afterwards that sanctions would remain in place for now, but would be lifted once ‘nukes are no longer a factor.’ He also announced an unexpected end to US-South Korea military drills. The move - long demanded by Pyongyang - has been seen as a major concession to North Korea and appeared to take US allies in the region by surprise.” [BBC News, [6/13/18](#)]

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Russia

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Freitas: “Vladimir Putin Is An Intelligent Guy.” “Vladimir Putin is an intelligent guy. And he has an agenda. And I don’t think that agenda syncs up with United States objectives around the world. I don’t think he’s all that concerned about peace. I think he’s concerned about holding onto power. And I’m concerned with what distances or links he will go to, to either maintain that, that power, or to impose his will on other people to include neighboring states to Russia. [...] And then from a national security front, we need to be monitoring what Russia is doing very, very closely. Both from a position of intimidating our allies within the European theater, um but also what they’re doing on a cyber component, what they’re doing with respect to oil prices. There’s a number of things that Russia can do that directly effects the United States. And again the overall objective is for Russia to move to a system where they actually have legitimate elections where you don’t have one person that is able to hold onto power the way that Putin has.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:06:09, [5/5/20](#)]

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October 2005: Freitas Expressed "In No Uncertain Terms" His Support For The "Justified And Effective" Iraq War Before Deploying To Iraq. "When soldiers are preparing to deploy it is commonplace for us to ensure that our affairs are in order. This comes in the form of organizing wills, powers of attorney and perhaps most personal of all, final thoughts for our loved ones in case the worst should happen. Perhaps it is because my turn to serve my country in Iraq has finally come that I feel a sense of regret that in addition to these preparations I must also consider the politics involved if I should not return. The idea that my death could be used to further a political cause, with which I could not disagree more, first struck me when I saw a display in the window of the Chico Peace and Justice Center showcasing locals who had been killed in war. But it was given national coverage when Cindy Sheehan took it upon herself to use the names of soldiers in her political protest against the Bush administration. Exploiting the death of soldiers, many of whom would vehemently disagree with her leftist viewpoint, is no longer extreme, it is commonplace. So I will add one more list of instructions before I leave. They will state in no uncertain terms my support for this justified and effective conflict in Iraq and the greater war on terror. I go to Iraq as a well-informed volunteer, conscious of the risks and prepared for the challenge. - Nick Freitas, Chico." [Chico Enterprise, Op-Ed, 10/1/05]

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Freitas: Arming Local Families "Really Solved Things Over In Iraq." "FREITAS: 'Later on, you know what we were doing. We, We were giving those families arms, we rearm them. And there's a lot of talk about the surge in Iraq solving everything. No, the surge was an important component. You want to know what really solved things over in Iraq. We started actually arming them and letting them set up their local militias within their village. Because then when al Qaeda showed up, there was a much different response coming to them.'" [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 1:20:57, [7/15/20](#)]

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Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *January 2019: Freitas moved to kill a red flag bill in the Virginia Legislature that intended to prevent suicide.*
- ✓ *Freitas supported so-called Second Amendment sanctuaries that would not enforce state gun legislation.*
- ✓ *In January 2020, Freitas opposed a prohibition of guns from the grounds of the Virginia State Capitol.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed regulation on assault rifles sales and sizes of magazines.*
- ✓ *Freitas voted against requirements that Day Care providers secure their guns in a location not accessible to children.*
- ✓ *In January 2020, Freitas called neo-Nazis a “complete aberration” within the pro-gun movement.*
- ✓ *Freitas called gun advocacy a “Civil Rights Issue” and invoked Martin Luther King, Jr. In the gun regulation debate.*

Red Flag Laws

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January 2019: Freitas Moved To Kill A Red Flag Law Proposals That Had Been Endorsed By The Trump Administration. “Republicans in Virginia’s legislature are on track to kill almost all gun control legislation touted by Gov. Ralph Northam (D) as a priority, including a ‘red flag’ bill aimed at preventing suicide that has been endorsed by the Trump administration and passed by Maryland and 14 other states. [...] ‘Our goal is never to infringe on someone’s Second Amendment rights,’ subcommittee member Del. Nick Freitas (R-Culpeper) said Friday. ‘The problem with almost every single bill we saw last night was a lot of unintended consequences.’” [Washington Post, 1/19/20]

Second Amendment “Sanctuaries”

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Freitas Spoke In Favor Of A Gun Sanctuary Declaration At A Chesterfield County Board Of Supervisors Meeting, Criticized Spanberger For Her “Silence” On The Issue. “Some of Spanberger’s potential Republican

opponents saw an opportunity at a meeting of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors meeting earlier this month, when pro-gun attendees unsuccessfully pushed for a sanctuary declaration. Among them: Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, Del. John McGuire R-Goochland and state Sen. Amanda Chase, R-Chesterfield. Chase, speaking in front of the building on the steps before the event told the crowd ‘this is all about sending a message to a governor.’ Freitas, who recently announced his run for Spanberger’s 7th Congressional District seat, was front and center in the auditorium as the Chesterfield Board was chastised by the crowd for not allowing a vote on the resolution. ‘We are seeing thousands of Virginians across the commonwealth packing into board of supervisors meetings and standing out in the cold to fight for their constitutional rights,’ Freitas said, calling out Spanberger and implying she has not spoken in support of the Second Amendment. ‘Conservatives organizing like this is definitely good for conservative candidates’ chances in the future in Virginia and the silence from Democrats like Abigail Spanberger on these fundamental issues is deafening. The voters won’t forget about their silence come Election Day in 2020.’” [Virginia Mercury, [12/26/19](#)]

Spanberger Had Expressed Her Support For The Second Amendment At “A Recent Town Hall.”

“However, at a recent town hall, Spanberger affirmed her support of the Second Amendment: ‘I fully support the Second Amendment,’ she said. ‘It is a fundamental constitutional right.’” [Virginia Mercury, [12/26/19](#)]

Guns In Legislative Buildings

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Assault Weapons Regulation

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2020: Freitas Opposed Senate Bill 16, Which Freitas Claimed Would Have Made Forms Of Self-Defense A Felony. “Democrats want an early release option for offenders serving time for 1st Degree Murder and Rape...but if the rapist they released comes to my home to hurt my 17-year-old daughter and she defends herself using my gun, I’m now a class 6 felon. Who have Democrats made ‘safer?’” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [2/3/20](#)]



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Freitas Claimed That SB-16 Would Make Her Daughter A Criminal If She Had To Defend Their Home From An Unnamed Threat. “If I have a 17 year old daughter, which I do, and she actually has to pick up a firearm in order to defend herself because someone is kicking in the door, in our house in rural Culpeper, is she now a criminal? According to SB-16, she very well may be, or I might be a criminal because it’s my firearm. These are the sort of unintended consequences that don’t seem to be taken into consideration when these bills are written.” [Nick Freitas, Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors Meeting, 12/10/19]

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Freitas Called SB 16 And HB 961 “Direct Confiscation Bills”

Freitas Called SB 16 And HB 961 “Direct Confiscation Bills.” “FREITAS: ‘No, it was it was a great rally. And this is the impetus has been the fact that for several years, Democrats in Virginia have told us that nobody wants to take your guns. And what we saw was at the moment they took power, taking our guns is exactly what they wanted to do. So whether it was bills like Senate Bill 16, or House Bill 961, these were direct confiscation bills. And so you started to see a movement all over the Commonwealth. It started with these two a sanctuary rallies and individual counties and localities and now over 100 of them have signed on to become to a sanctuary localities. And this was their first opportunity to come down during Lobby Day and make their feelings and feelings be heard to the General Assembly.’” [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

Concealed Carry Permits

2020: Freitas Introduced Legislation To Allow Concealed Carry Of A Firearm Without A Permit

2020: Freitas Was The Chief Patron Of HB 224, Which Would Have Allowed Concealed Carry Without A Permit. “As introduced. Carrying a concealed handgun; permit not required. Allows any person who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun without a permit anywhere he may lawfully carry a handgun openly within the Commonwealth.” [VPAP, accessed [6/22/20](#)]

2/4/20: HB 224 Was Tabled By The Firearms Subcommittee By A Vote Of 6-2. [VPAP, accessed [6/22/20](#)]

Freitas Equated Gun Permitting To Poll Tests. “I remember a time, not so long ago, when the Democratic Party were big fans of making you pass a test before you can exercise your essential civil liberties. They did it

all over the Jim Crow south where you had to take a poll test where they would ask ridiculous questions, specifically to be able to disenfranchise black voters. And now here they're talking about coming up with some sort of arbitrary test, that the government would apply, to determine whether or not you're worthy of exercising your second amendment rights. And it just struck me, you know, that it's as if some people never learn. When you give the government this kind of arbitrary power, what ends up happening, you know they, they think it's this will keep guns out of the hands of bad guys. No what happens when we had those gun control laws in the south was those Ku Klux Klan member could get a gun but Martin Luther King was denied a concealed carry permit because it was not a shall issue state at that point. And they allowed corrupt government officials to pick and choose who got to exercise their essential civil liberties." [Making the Argument Podcast, 5:23, [6/15/20](#)]

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Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting The Concealed Carry Of Sling Bows. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1076. "Replaces 'slingshot' with 'sling bow' in the list of weapons a person is prohibited from carrying concealed. The bill also removes the Harbormaster of the City of Hopewell from the list of individuals who, while in the discharge of their official duties, or while in transit to or from such duties, are exempted from the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon." The House passed the bill by a vote of 76-22. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1076, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/6/20](#)]

Guns And Extremist Movements

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"FREITAS: 'I think the other thing is that the governor's conveniently leaving out that some of the other intelligence that has actually come across the wire is the fact that there's been people within ANTIFA there's been people within other left wing organizations. That have, you know, openly said let's go down there to Richmond and let's either take these guys out or let's, you know beat him up or whatever it is. But again, he wants to he wants to focus on individual groups and look, let's face it Neo-Nazis do not represent the pro-gun movement. Neo-Nazis are a complete aberration Yeah, they're an organization that all of us absolutely oppose and, you know, don't want to see at this rally.'" [Nick Freitas, Larry O'Connor Show, 1/16/20]

At The Same Time, Freitas Said That Governor Ralph Northam Was Using Neo-Nazis To Paint Gun Groups As Extremists.

"O'CONNOR: 'The Nazis confiscated the people's guns. Okay, so I'm sorry, a neo Nazi has nothing to do with people who embrace the Second Amendment. But I had real fast Nick greatest, do you think that's partly the governor's play here that he's trying to associate The Virginians who are who are just, you know, Liberty loving Virginians who respect our constitution and want to exercise your second amendment and basically say, See, all these people are just like these neo Nazis that just got arrested?'

FREITAS: 'You know, unfortunately, yes. And one year ago, two years ago, I probably would have made that statement. But when you look at the sort of comments that have come out of congressman Donald's and make each and when you look at the sort of comments that have come out of delegate, Mark Levine, and yes even this governor, what I see more and more is this open hostility to anybody that has any sort of opposition to the governor, the governor's anti-gun agenda, the Democrats anti-gun agenda.'" [Nick Freitas, Larry O'Connor Show, 1/16/20]

January 2020: Freitas Called Governor Northam's Emergency Declaration Ahead Of A Gun Rally In Richmond An Attempt To "Make It Into Another Charlottesville Scenario"

Freitas Claimed That Gov. Northam's Actions Ahead Of A Gun Rally In Richmond Were Predicated On Potential Infiltration By Extremist Groups. "MANESS: 'But do you think your governor was just a little bit disingenuous by trying to claim he had intelligence that showed a credible threat? I didn't see anything that he ever

released any factual information on that?” FREITAS: ‘He did it. I mean, I will say that, you know, some of us were also privy to some of the briefings, the god the security briefings, and they did have some concerns about groups coming in. What was fascinating is that their concerns were not about Second Amendment rights advocates. It was actually about other groups that would have potentially come in and tried to hijack this rally for their own purposes.’” [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

Freitas Further Claimed That Extremist Groups Did Not And Were Not Able To Infiltrate The Rally.

“FREITAS: ‘It was actually about other groups that would have potentially come in and tried to hijack this rally for their own purposes. And what we saw is they didn’t do that. They weren’t able to do that. And so You know, it was I think the tone that the governor struck was problematic because it wasn’t he wasn’t just saying that there’s other threat, [that] there’s credible threats or people that could come in and hijack this.’” [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

Freitas Said Northam Was Trying To “Make It Into Another Charlottesville Scenario” And Give Himself Carte Blanche To Arrest Whomever Attended.

“He was trying to make it into another Charlottesville scenario, or he was trying to make it into a scenario where anybody that was showing up was a potential threat, or potentially a part of one of these outside groups that had nothing to do with the Second Amendment. And I think a lot of citizens are getting tired of being branded with, again, these ad hominem attacks coming from the administration and other democrat policymakers. And again, the best way to prove them wrong is to show up peacefully assemble, show up with again, most peacefully, professionally with resolve, and that’s what they did. And so, and nobody’s gonna be allowed to take the narrative away from good citizens who showed up to again protest the usurpation of the rights.” [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

Gov. Northam Had Issued An Emergency Declaration Based On Credible Threats From Extremist Groups.

“Bracing for the possibility of violence ahead of a rally to protest efforts to enact sweeping new gun control measures in Virginia, Gov. Ralph Northam on Wednesday declared a state of emergency and announced a temporary ban on weapons on the grounds of the State Capitol. Thousands of protesters are expected to converge in Richmond on Monday to oppose a series of proposed restrictions on gun purchases expected to be taken up in the coming weeks by the Virginia Legislature, where Democrats control both chambers and the governor’s office for the first time in a generation. The governor said on Twitter that the authorities had identified credible ‘threats of violence,’ including from out-of-state militia groups and hate groups that planned disruptions. He said the authorities had also found extremist rhetoric online similar to what had been seen in 2017 before the Charlottesville rally, when white nationalists and counterprotesters clashed in a deadly fight over the removal of Confederate monuments.” [New York Times, [1/17/20](#)]

Freitas Called Gun Advocacy A “Civil Rights Issue” And Invoked Martin Luther King, Jr. In The Gun Regulation Debate

Freitas Mentioned That Martin Luther King, Jr. Once Applied For A Concealed Carry Permit In Alabama While Defending His Presence At A Gun Rally On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day...

“And I think we also need to understand because he was he was also trying to suggest that people had inappropriately done this on Martin Luther King day. Martin Luther King applied for a concealed carry permit and had a hard time getting an Alabama because it was in Jim Crow state where they were deliberately trying to suppress people’s Second Amendment rights because they didn’t want black Americans to be able to defend themselves. And that’s important. And like you said earlier, this isn’t just a gun issue. This is a civil rights issue.” [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

But Neglected To Mention That Dr. King Later Gave Up The One Gun He Owned And Fully Embraced Pacifism.

“In 1956, after his house was bombed, Dr. King applied to the local sheriff for a permit to carry a concealed handgun. He was denied on the grounds that he was ‘unsuitable,’ according to Adam Winkler, the author of ‘Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America.’ Friends and relatives who feared for his safety urged him to hire a bodyguard and armed watchmen, he wrote in his autobiography. But soon, he and Coretta Scott King, his wife, reconsidered and gave up the one gun they owned. ‘How could I serve as one of

the leaders of a nonviolent movement and at the same time use weapons of violence for my personal protection?" he wrote." [New York Times, [4/3/18](#)]

Freitas Said That Dr. King Would Have Been Proud Of The Gun Rally In Richmond. "FREITAS: 'So I think Martin Luther King would have been proud of the fact that there was 10s of thousands of citizens showing up and peacefully protesting, and again, petitioning the government for a redress of grievances, right, exercising their first amendment rights, and doing it boldly and unapologetically, but again, peaceably. So we need to continue to do this. And this isn't something that stops on Mondays rally that we just had. This is something that has to continue going forward because again, it's not just an assault on our state.'" [Rob Maness Show, 1/22/20]

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Freitas Said That "I Am Really Comfortable With Violence Under The Right Circumstances. "FREITAS: 'I said The primary difference between my approach and your approach is you're a lot more comfortable with violence against innocent people than I am. 'She looked at me She goes, What do you mean by that?' I said, I know, right? Because I'm a former Green Beret, I'm actually really comfortable with violence under the right circumstances.'" [Kindred Spirit Brewing Meet and Greet, 2/11/20]

Combatting Gun Violence

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Vanity License Plates That Read "STOP GUN VIOLENCE"

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing "STOP GUN VIOLENCE" Vanity License Plates. Freitas voted against HB 160"Provides that the special license plate bearing the legend STOP GUN VIOLENCE will remain nonrevenue-sharing. Current law provides that such special license plate will become revenue-sharing on July 1, 2020." The House passed the bill by a vote of 55-42. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 160, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/11/20](#)]

Freitas Voted Against Requiring Guns In Day Care Providers To Be Locked In A Location Inaccessible To Children

Freitas Voted Against Requiring Guns In Day Care Providers To Be Locked In A Location Inaccessible To Children. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 593. "Requires that during hours of operation, all firearms in a licensed family day home, registered family day home, or family day home approved by a family day system be stored unloaded in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet, and that all ammunition be stored in a separate locked container, compartment, or cabinet. The bill requires that the key or combination to such locked containers, compartments, or cabinets be inaccessible to all children in the home. This bill is identical to HB 600." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 53-43. [SB 593, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Freitas Also Requested Changes To The Proposal Requesting Exemptions For Antique Firearms. "Then either Freitas or Del. Michael Webert (R-Fauquier) would move to 'PBI,' or pass by indefinitely, which would kill the bill. The subcommittee's four Republicans voted for, two Democrats against; next bill. Many delegates presented their bills with open resignation. Del. Marcus Simon (D-Fairfax) made a case for the committee to pass his bill on plastic guns, then added: 'Though I don't have much hope that'll happen.' There were two exceptions. One was a Republican bill to allow out-of-state residents to get a Virginia concealed-handgun permit, which passed on a party-line vote. And the other was the measure sponsored by Del. Patrick Hope (D-Arlington) that required home day-care centers to keep guns locked up. Freitas told Hope that if the language could be tightened - so that antique firearms, for instance, would not be affected - it might get Republican support. The bill was set aside and talks were underway on Friday." [Washington Post, 1/19/20]

The Bill Was Also Known As “Cole’s Law.” “Cole’s Law passes! If you self-select to operate a family day home, you simply have to lock up your guns and keep them away from children. #commonsense.” [Patrick Hope, Twitter, [2/11/20](#)]



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In 2017, 4-Year Old Cole James Clark Accidentally Shot Himself With A Gun That Was Unsecured In His Day Care Provider’s Home In Orange County, VA. “In May 2017, 4-year-old Cole James Clark fatally shot himself in his baby sitter’s home in Orange County, Virginia. From the moment his mother, Kyrin Falcetti,

received the tragic phone call detailing her son's death, she has never stopped fighting for him. Now, Virginia lawmakers are joining her in that fight." [NBC 4 Washington, [2/21/20](#)]

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas missed one vote on a bill to cap the cost of insulin in Virginia. Freitas voted against the amended bill, which passed the House of Delegates with overwhelming bi-partisan support.*
- ✓ *In May 2018, Freitas called the ACA a “Cancer” that was designed to fail.*
- ✓ *Freitas also stated that he wanted to fully repeal the ACA.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed Medicaid expansion.*
- ✓ *Freitas was the sole vote against a state proposal to prevent clawback of Medicaid benefits upon the death of a spouse.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed insurance coverage for hearing aids for minors.*
- ✓ *Freitas voted against the creation of a School Mental Health task force.*
- ✓ *Freitas cast multiple votes against expanding insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism in the face of overwhelming bipartisan support.*
- ✓ *Freitas voted against lowering the required HPV Vaccine dosage for public school children in Virginia.*

Freitas Missed One Crucial Vote To Cap Insulin Pricing, And Then Voted Against The Final Bill

February 2020: Freitas Did Not Vote On A Measure To Cap Insulin Prices

February 2020: Freitas Did Not Vote To Cap Insulin Prices In Virginia. In February 2020, Freitas Did Not Vote On HB 66. “Prohibits health insurance companies and other carriers from setting an amount exceeding \$30 per 30-day supply that a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a covered prescription insulin drug. The measure also prohibits a provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy from containing a provision (i) authorizing the carrier’s pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds such limitation.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 98-1. The Senate amended the bill; the House adopted the amended bill by a vote of 88-4. The Governor approved the measure.[HB 66, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/3/20](#)]

2/3/20: Freitas Missed Every House Floor Vote That Took Place. [Virginia Legislative Information System, accessed 6/25/20]

Freitas’ Inaction Was Reported On By A Local Outlet. “A bill that would prohibit insurance companies from charging more than a \$30 co-pay for a 30-day supply of insulin passed the Virginia House of Delegates on Tuesday. The vote for Delegate Lee Carter’s HB 66 was nearly unanimous at 98-1. Delegate Matthew Fariss (59th District) voted no, and Delegate Nick Freitas (30th District) did not vote. The bill now awaits approval by both the State Senate and Governor Ralph Northam. It comes as insurance prices have skyrocketed in the past two decades for the more than 7.5 million diabetic Americans who rely on it, despite no change to the drug,

with the average price for a 20-milliliter vial going from about \$20 to more than \$250, according to a House of Representatives report in March 2019. The price of a vial tripled between 2002 and 2013, and nearly doubled from 2012 to 2016. The astronomical prices have led to some people either rationing or forgoing taking the critical medication, which can have lethal results. Insurance companies, who'll have to pick up the cost, argue that the drug's limited manufacturers are to blame to artificially inflating prices. The major corporations behind the world's \$27 billion insulin market — Sanofi, Eli Lilly, and Novo Nordisk — have virtually controlled the supply since insulin was discovered 100 years ago. Meanwhile similar bills have recently passed in Illinois and Colorado, though their caps are set at \$100. At the federal level, Congress launched a bipartisan investigation into the insulin market in 2019 amid a comprehensive probe into drug pricing.” [Local DMV, [2/4/20](#)]

March 2020: After A Senate Amendment, Freitas Voted Against A Less Aggressive Cap To Lower Insulin Costs

March 2020: The Senate Adopted An Amended Bill Which Changed The 30-Day Insulin Price Cap From \$30 To \$50. [HB 66, Senate Floor Vote (Passage), [3/5/20](#)]

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Capping Insulin Prices In Virginia. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 66. “Prohibits health insurance companies and other carriers from setting an amount exceeding \$50 per 30-day supply that a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a covered prescription insulin drug. The measure also prohibits a provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy from containing a provision (i) authorizing the carrier’s pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds such limitation.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 88-4. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 66, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

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Freitas Criticized What He Called “Government Micromanagement” Of Health Care. “‘If the goal is to provide quality and affordable health care to all our citizens, government micromanagement is not the answer. We need to focus on policies that allow greater competition and innovation.’ - Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper (and candidate for the U.S. Senate).” [Daily Press, [6/2/18](#)]

November 2018: Freitas Claimed Government Regulations Increased Health Care Costs

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Freitas Falsely Claimed That There “Are Not People Dying In The Streets” Because Of Inability To Pay For Health Care

Freitas Claimed That There “Are Not People Dying In The Streets” Because Of Inability To Pay For Health Care. “FREITAS: ‘It’s because that’s how the marketplace works. And if you would just stop punishing doctors, and even when you talk about indigent care, because that’s what they always run to. It’s like, what about the people that can’t pay? I’m like, I got news for you. People who are not laying around dying in the streets. back before we have some of these massive programs because doctors and nurses just didn’t care. In fact, you had a very, very robust charitable system where doctors had the freedom and nurses had the freedom to actually provide services at discount rates.’” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

There Are. “A 2009 study conducted by researchers at Harvard Medical School found 45,000 Americans die every year as a direct result of not having any health insurance coverage. In 2018, 27.8 million Americans went without any health insurance for the entire year. One of those Americans was the father of Ashley Hudson, who died in 2002 due to an untreated liver disease, an illness that went undiagnosed until a few weeks before his death. It was only discovered when he went to the emergency room because he was unable to afford to see a doctor due to lack of insurance coverage and inability to afford treatment out of pocket.” [The Guardian, [1/7/20](#)]

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Freitas Mocked People Who Were Used To The Idea Of Employer-Provided Health Insurance. “FREITAS: ‘I said, so every single problem you’re trying to solve them in American medicine has been a result of government intervention into American medicine. But again, when people have just gotten so used to the idea that the government is where I get my medicine, or my job is where I get my medicine. [INAUDIBLE] essentially dictated that.’” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Freitas: “The Fact That We Pay For All Of Our Healthcare Through Insurance Is A Big Part Of The Problem.” “FREITAS: ‘Part of the problem that we have with healthcare in this country is that literally the only commodity and service that you pay for almost exclusively through insurance. We don’t do that with anything else. [...] But because of tax brackets started in the 30s. It got to a point where more and more businesses were actually incentivized by the government to have you get your health insurance through the company. And through more and more government intervention over time what ended up happening was, is you almost had to buy everything through insurance. Insurance is a third-party payer. It is an incredibly inefficient way to pay for products and services. Go into any hospital right now, tell them you’re willing to pay cash and see how

the bill drops. Because right now they're trying to milk your insurance company for everything they can get. Why? For the five people that came into the hospital room before you that didn't have it. So the fact that we pay for all of our healthcare through insurance is a big part of the problem. And the only reason we do that is in large part because of government interference into the marketplace.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 50:00, [7/15/20](#)]

Freitas: “The Only Solution I See Is We Got To Have More Free Market Intervention Into The Healthcare Into The Healthcare Industry.” “The only solution I see is we got to have more free market intervention into the healthcare into the healthcare industry. It's the only solution. Because if you look, I'll give you one example. Most of our health insurance plans I'm guessing are far more expensive than they were five to 10 years ago. And we're probably less happy with the overall coverage that we had five to seven years ago, despite the fact that the government keeps piling more and more on top of it. You want to know the, the area of medicine that is actually getting cheaper, it's actually getting more affordable, more accessible, and higher quality, right? How's that possible, more affordable, more accessible, higher quality? elective surgeries. So LASIK eye surgery 10 years ago, 20 \$500 per eye today \$500 per eye, it's easier to get, and it's better quality. And the government acts surprised by this, like, Oh my gosh, how did they do it? It's called market competition.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 52:22, [7/15/20](#)]

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Freitas Opposed Medicaid Expansion. “As Freitas campaigned for the primary, he voiced staunch opposition to Medicaid expansion in the House of Delegates and called Democrats out for unfair attacks that GOP opposition reflected callous indifference to lower-income Virginians. Medicaid expansion eventually passed through the General Assembly with help from several other Republicans.” [Daily Press, 6/13/18]

Freitas Opposed The “Party Leadership” That Supported Medicaid Expansion. “We had party leadership that wanted to vote for Medicaid expansion. I opposed that.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 59:48, [5/5/20](#)]

2019: Freitas Attempted To Commission A Study Regarding The Impacts Of Medicaid Expansion In Virginia

January 2019: Freitas Introduced HJ 645, Which Would Have Commissioned A Study On The Effects Of Medicaid Expansion In Virginia. “Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the impact of Medicaid expansion in the Commonwealth. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall complete its two-year study by November 30, 2020, and shall submit an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year.” [HJ 645, Introduced [1/8/19](#)]

January 2019: The House Rules Subcommittee Voted To Table The Motion. [HJ 645, Tabled [1/29/19](#)]

2019: Freitas Supported Allowing Sale Of “Catastrophic” Health Care Plans

February 2019: Freitas Voted To Allow Statewide Sale Of Catastrophic Health Care Plans. In February 2019, Freitas voted for SB 1027. “Authorizes health carriers to offer catastrophic plans on the individual market and to offer such plans to all individuals. The measure provides that a catastrophic plan is deemed to provide an essential health benefits package and to meet certain requirements of federal law. A catastrophic plan is a high-deductible health care plan that provides essential health benefits and coverage for at least three primary care visits per policy year. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, catastrophic plans satisfy requirements that health benefit plans

provide minimum levels of coverage only if they cover individuals who are under 30 years of age or who qualify for a hardship exemption or affordability exemption. The measure requires the Commissioner of Insurance to apply to the federal government for a state innovation waiver allowing the implementation of the provision. The provision will become effective 30 days after the Commissioner notifies certain persons that the request has been approved.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 51-47. The Governor vetoed the measure. [SB 1027, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/13/19](#)]

According To Governor Ralph Northam, Universally Available Catastrophic Plans Would Have Weakened The Overall Insurance Pool And Would Have Increased Premiums Statewide. “HB 2260 and SB 1027 would allow Virginia companies to circumvent federal law and offer catastrophic plans to all individuals. Under the ACA, catastrophic plans are only available to those under the age of 30, or who qualify for an exception due to income. A catastrophic health care plan generally comes with a low monthly premium, but a higher out-of-pocket deductible. Northam said individuals might put off medical care because of the high costs before insurance coverage begins. He added that individuals with minimal health care needs ‘are more likely to purchase these threadbare plans, leaving individuals with more complex medical conditions in traditional marketplace plans.’ The governor said the bills would “likely contribute to an increase in Virginia marketplace premiums across the board.” [Virginia Gazette, [3/26/19](#)]

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Freitas’ Proposed Solution Was To Allow Unlicensed Personnel And Green Beret Medics To Solve A Medical Professional Shortage. “And I go through this, I said, Let me give you an example of how this could work. I said, You know, I wasn’t I was a Green Beret, we had Green Beret, medics Green Beret medics were some of the most highly trained medics you can find in the military. Yeah, I said, these guys can go when they’re overseas. They can do veterinarian services. They can do geriatric services. They can they can, you know, do BO/GYN services. Oh, and by the way, they can also fix a sucking chest wound under fire while

calling in a timeline medivac. You know, these are the sorts of things that these guys do. But if they get back to the United States, and they wanted to come to your house for a house call and give your kids stitches when they fell off the bike, that would be breaking the law. I said once again, In it's because the government has intervened into medicine so much. The prices have gone up and quality has gone down.” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Medicaid

Freitas Cast The Sole Vote Against A Bill To Prevent Medicaid Benefit Clawback That Had Overwhelming Bipartisan Support

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting The State Of Virginia From Rescinding Medicaid Benefits From A Designated Beneficiary. In February 2020, Freitas Voted Against HB 887. “Provides that the beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account may appoint a survivor. In the event of the beneficiary’s death, the survivor becomes the new beneficiary of the account if he is eligible under federal law to be a beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account. The bill provides that if the survivor is ineligible, then any proceeds remaining in the account are distributed to the survivor and the account is closed. Under current law, if the beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account dies, his state of residence becomes a creditor of the account and may seek payment under federal law for Medicaid benefits provided to the beneficiary while he was alive. The bill prohibits the Commonwealth from seeking estate recovery or payment from the proceeds of the deceased beneficiary’s account for benefits provided to him.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 97-1. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 887, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/5/20](#)]

Freitas Cast Multiple Votes Against Expanding Insurance Coverage For The Treatment Of Autism Against Overwhelming Bipartisan Support

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February 2019: Freitas Voted Against Extending Health Insurance Coverage For Treatment Of Autism In People Above The Age Of 10. In February 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2577.”Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals of any age. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age 10. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2020.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 97-1-1. The Governor approve the measure. [HB 2577, House Floor Vote (Passage, [2/5/19](#))]

2020: Freitas Cast The Sole Vote Against A Bipartisan Initiative To Expand Insurance Coverage For Diagnosis And Treatment Of Autism

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against HB 1503. “Requires health insurers, corporations providing health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder under insurance policies, subscription contracts, or health care plans issued in the individual market or small group markets. The existing requirement that such coverage be provided for policies, contracts, or plans issued in the large group market is not affected. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 97-1-1. The Governor approve the measure. [HB 1503, House Floor Vote (Passage). [2/24/20](#)]

Other Insurance Issues

Freitas Opposed Mandated Insurance Coverage Of Hearing Aids For Minors

Freitas Opposed Mandated Insurance Coverage Of Hearing Aids For Minors. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 423. “Requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts to provide coverage for hearing aids and related services for children 18 years of age or younger when an otolaryngologist recommends such hearing aids and related services. The coverage includes one hearing aid per hearing-impaired ear, up to a cost of \$1,500, every 24 months. The measure applies to policies, contracts, and plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on and after January 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 91-2. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 423, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Prior To Adoption By Virginia, 25 Other States Provided Similar Levels Of Coverage Minors’ Hearing Aids. “When Crystal Dupilka’s son Clay was diagnosed with hearing loss in both ears, she was shocked, worried and then angry. ‘I couldn’t believe my ears,’ she told 10 On Your Side. Then, insurance denied her claims for the hearing aids her child needed. ‘I just don’t understand how you can provide glasses for children who are hard of seeing or have low vision, and then hearing aids are deemed medically unnecessary,’ she said. That’s right, private insurance does not cover hearing aids for children in Virginia, but 25 other states and Medicare do.” [WAVY, [1/31/20](#)]

Freitas Voted Against A Prohibition On Issuance Of Short-Term Limited-Duration Medical Plans

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Prohibition On Issuance Of Short-Term Limited-Duration Medical Plans. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1037. “Prohibits carriers from issuing in the Commonwealth, on or after July 1, 2021, any short-term limited-duration medical plan with a duration that exceeds three months or that can be renewed or extended beyond six months, or if the plan’s issuance would result in a covered person being covered by a short-term limited-duration medical plan for more than six months in any 12-month period. The bill prohibits a carrier from issuing a short-term limited-duration medical plan during an annual open enrollment period. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 51-43. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1037, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Health Insurance Credits For Retired School Workers

Freitas Opposed Health Insurance Credits For Retired School Workers. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1513. “Requires school divisions to provide a health insurance credit of \$1.50 per year of service to non-teacher employees of a local school division with at least 15 years of total creditable service. In addition, localities may elect to provide such individuals an additional health insurance credit of up to \$1 per month for each year of creditable service. However, the bill provides that the additional benefits for retired school division employees other than teachers shall not be paid to any such employee prior to July 1, 2021. This measure does not apply to any local school division employee who retired on disability prior to July 1, 2020, if this measure would reduce the monthly credit currently payable to such former member. Eligible employees who retired prior to July 1, 2020, and did not receive a health insurance credit prior to that date will only receive the \$1.50 per year of service health insurance credit prospectively.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 76-22. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1513, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

Drug Pricing

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Freitas Missed A Critical Vote On Insulin Pricing

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Freitas Missed A Vote To Mandate That Insurance Companies Classify Medically Necessary Formula And Nutrition Products As Medicine

Freitas Missed A Vote To Mandate That Insurance Companies Classify Medically Necessary Formula And Nutrition Products As Medicine. In February 2020, Freitas did not vote on HB 840. "Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations whose policy, contract, or plan includes coverage for medicines to classify medically necessary formula and enteral nutrition products as medicine and to include coverage for medically necessary formula and enteral nutrition products for covered individuals requiring treatment for an inherited metabolic disorder. Such coverage is required to be provided on the same terms and subject to the same conditions imposed on other medicines covered under the policy, contract, or plan. The measure provides that the required coverage includes any medical equipment, supplies, and services that are required to administer the covered formula or enteral nutrition products. These requirements apply only to formula and enteral nutrition products that are furnished pursuant to the prescription or order of a physician or other health care professional qualified to make such prescription or order for the management of an inherited metabolic disorder and are used under medical supervision." The House passed the bill by a vote of 99-0. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 840, House floor vote (Block Passage), [2/3/20](#)]

Mental And Behavioral Health

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against The Creation Of A School-Based Health Centers Joint Task Force That Enjoyed Overwhelming Bi-Partisan Support

February 2019, Freitas Voted Against Creating A Task Force To Assess Mental Health Screening In Virginia Schools. In February 2019, Freitas voted against SB 1195. "School-based health centers joint task force;

report. Directs the Virginia’s Children’s Cabinet to establish a school-based health centers joint task force that is tasked with (i) assessing the current landscape of school-based services and mental health screening, evaluation, and treatment in school settings; (ii) in coordination with ongoing behavioral health transformation efforts of the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, developing best practice recommendations for trauma-informed school-based health centers as a vehicle for the provision of both medical and behavioral health delivered in school settings; (iii) evaluating options for billing public and private insurance for school-based health services; and (iv) developing a plan for establishing a Virginia affiliate member organization, recognized by the national School-Based Health Alliance, for the purposes of providing technical assistance and guidance to localities interested in bolstering or implementing current and future school-based health centers. The bill requires that the task force report its findings by December 1, 2019.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 91-6. The measure was approved by the Governor. [SB 1195, House Floor Vote (passage) [2/13/19](#)]

Immunizations

Freitas Voted Against Reducing The Required HPV Vaccine Dosage For Students Attending Public Schools In Virginia

April 2020: Freitas Voted Against Reducing The Require HPV Dosage For Students Attending Public Schools In Virginia From Three To Two. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1090. “Amends the minimum vaccination requirements for attendance at a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school, child care center, nursery school, family day care home, or developmental center. The bill amends the dosage for the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to two, rather than three doses. The bill also requires the State Board of Health to amend the State Board of Health Regulations for the Immunization of School Children as necessary from time to time to maintain conformity with evidence-based, routinely recommended vaccinations for children and to provide for a 60-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the regulations. In addition, the Department of Health and the Department of Education are directed to jointly review immunization requirements in the Code of Virginia and report to the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the effectiveness of the required vaccination program in promoting public health by December 1, 2021. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 51-44. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1090, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [4/22/20](#)]

Housing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas supported allowing landlords to discriminate against rental applicants based on their source of income.*
- ✓ *Such discrimination was usually targeted against those using housing vouchers including homeless veterans with disabilities.*
- ✓ *This also was a pretext to discriminate on the basis of race, sex, and disability.*

Discrimination

February 2020: Freitas Supported Landlords Discriminating Against Rental Applicants Based On Their Source Of Income

February 2020: Freitas Supported Landlords Discriminating Against Rental Applicants Based On Their Source Of Income. “We had a bill the other day in the General Assembly, where we had a Democrat actually carry and it passed the house, where it said that a renter, so if you if you own four more properties, you could not discriminate against someone and that’s the terminology they use. You could not discriminate against someone based off of their source of income. So let me get this straight. I have to assume the risk of renting to someone already. And now you’re saying that I can’t use their source of income as a way to determine I understand that you have a district where people need to find housing, and what you’ve just told renters in your district, or we just saw people that actually have properties rent is sell your property and go somewhere else.” [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Such Discrimination Was Usually Targeted Against Those Using Housing Vouchers Including Homeless Veterans With Disabilities. “A few years ago, Jill Williams, an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, received a special housing subsidy for U.S. veterans to help her pay for housing. Williams was homeless at the time and living in the Baltimore region of Maryland. Because of her honorable service to the United States, she was entitled to a VASH voucher—a kind of Section 8 or Housing Choice Voucher—made available to homeless veterans with disabilities. Williams took the voucher to landlord after landlord in Baltimore County—a jurisdiction that surrounds, but does not include, the city of Baltimore—seeking to rent an apartment. Williams, who has decent credit and no criminal history, was repeatedly turned away and told ‘we do not accept Section 8.’ She estimates that she visited over 20 landlords before quickly renting an apartment in a less desirable neighborhood because she was about to lose her time-limited voucher and, therefore, her only chance at housing. In her own words, ‘I was good enough to serve my country, but not good enough to live in your neighborhood.’ (J. Williams, ‘Discrimination Based on Source of Income in Baltimore County,’ B. Sun (Oct. 8, 2019).) The kind of housing discrimination Williams experienced is called ‘source of income discrimination’ and refers to the practice of refusing to rent to a housing applicant because of that person’s lawful form of income.” [American Bar Association, [11/30/19](#)]

This Also Was A Pretext To Discriminate On The Basis Of Race, Sex, And Disability. “Often the denial of housing will serve as a pretext for a prohibited form of discrimination and disproportionately affects renters of color, women, and persons with disabilities. As a result, source of income (SOI) discrimination contributes to the perpetuation of racially segregated communities and neighborhoods with concentrated poverty.”

Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas opposed a study for improvements to Interstate 95.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed weight limitation for emergency vehicles on highways.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed highway overgrowth clearance initiatives.*

Funding

February 2019: Freitas Opposed A State Study To Recommend Improvements To Interstate 95 Which Enjoyed Broad Bi-Partisan Support

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against A Study To Recommend Improvements To Interstate 95. In February 2019, Freitas voted against HJ 581. “Requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to study the portion of the Interstate 95 corridor between Exit 118 and the Springfield Interchange, financing options for improvements to the corridor, and the effect that enhanced transit service would have on mitigating traffic along the corridor.” The House adopted the motion by a vote of 90-7. [HJ 581, House Floor Vote (Adoption) [2/21/19](#)]

Transportation Regulation And Safety

2020: Freitas Opposed Weight Limitations On Emergency Vehicles On Highways In Committee, But Then Switched His Vote For the Floor

1/21/20: In January 2020, Freitas Cast A Committee Vote Against Requiring Emergency Vehicles To Comply With Weight Restrictions On Highways In Virginia. “Firefighting equipment; weight limitation on interstate. Requires firefighting equipment to comply with existing weight limitations for emergency vehicles on interstate highways. Current law exempts firefighting equipment from all size and weight limitations. The bill exempts emergency vehicles registered to a federal, state, or local agency or a fire company from any fee typically charged for the issuance of an overweight permit for such vehicle.” The House Transportation Committee reported the bill by a vote of 21-1. [HB 991, Committee Vote [1/21/20](#)]

1/27/20: Freitas Changed His Stance And Voted For The Final Passage. The House passed HB 991 the bill by a vote of 91-8; Freitas Voted Yea. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 991, House Floor Vote [1/27/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Allowing Municipalities To Implement Road Safety Regulations Regarding Vegetation Overgrowth

Freitas Opposed Allowing Municipalities To Implement Road Safety Regulations Regarding Vegetation Overgrowth. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 225. “Authorizes any locality, by ordinance, to require the owner of any property located adjacent to a right-of-way maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation to remove any and all trees, tree limbs, shrubs, high grass, or other substance that might dangerously obstruct the line of sight of a driver, be involved in a collision with a vehicle, or interfere with the safe operation of a vehicle.” The House adopted the measure by a vote of 78-19. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 225, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Labor & Working Families

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas opposed extending the Virginia minimum wage to cover those with disabilities.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed a retaliatory termination due to complaints regarding withheld wages.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed collective bargaining rights for public sector employees.*
- ✓ *In February 2020: Freitas said that the family medical leave act made companies less likely to hire women.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed extending TANF for 18 and 19-year olds who were full time students.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed transitional child care assistance for student parents.*

Minimum Wage

2020: Freitas Voted Against Extending The Virginia Minimum Wage To Cover Those With Disabilities

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Extending The Virginia Minimum Wage To Cover Those With Disabilities. In February 2017, Freitas voted against HB 333. “Eliminates the exclusion in the Virginia Minimum Wage Act for persons whose earning capacity is impaired by physical deficiency, mental illness, or intellectual disability.” The House approved the measure on a vote of 85 – 14. The Measure was deferred to the 2021 session by the Senate. [HB 333, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/5/20](#)]

Fair Labor Practices

Freitas Opposed A Prohibition On Retaliatory Termination Due To Complaints On Withheld Wages

Freitas Opposed A Prohibition On Retaliatory Termination Due To Complaints On Withheld Wages. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 337. “Prohibits an employer from discharging or otherwise discriminating against an employee because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding related to the failure to pay wages, or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding. The measure authorizes the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to institute proceedings against an employer who has taken such prohibited discriminatory action. Available remedies include reinstatement of the employee, recovery of lost wages, and liquidated damages.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 62-37. The measure was approved by the Governor. [HB 337, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

Unions

Freitas Opposed Allowing Local Public Sector Employees To Have Collective Bargaining Rights

Freitas Opposed Allowing Local Public Sector Employees To Have Collective Bargaining Rights. In April 2020, Freitas voted against HB 582. “Permits counties, cities, and towns to adopt local ordinances authorizing

them to (i) recognize any labor union or other employee association as a bargaining agent of any public officers or employees, except for Constitutional officers and their employees, and including public school employees and (ii) collectively bargain or enter into any collective bargaining contract with any such union or association or its agents with respect to any matter relating to them or their employment. The bill provides that for any governing body of a county, city, or town that has not adopted an ordinance or resolution providing for collective bargaining, such governing body is required, within 120 days of receiving certification from a majority of public employees in a unit considered by such employees to be appropriate for the purposes of collective bargaining, to take a vote to adopt or not adopt an ordinance or resolution to provide for collective bargaining by such public employees and any other public employees deemed appropriate by the governing body. The bill provides that the prohibition against striking for public employees applies, irrespective of any such local ordinance. The bill has a delayed effective date of May 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by vote of 49-44. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 582, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [4/22/20](#)]

Family Leave

February 2020: Freitas Said That The Family Medical Leave Act Made Companies Less Likely To Hire Women

February 2020: Freitas Said That The Family Medical Leave Act Made Companies Less Likely To Hire Women. “It’s like you’re disincentivizing companies from hiring women. That’s what you just did. Because you said that if you hire so if you hire a man for that Same job, you don’t have to worry about the same Family Medical Leave Act as if you hire a woman. Now there’s solution as well, we’ll expand it to both sides this okay? Well, now you’ve just made everybody more expensive to hire, which means you’re going to have an increase in the price of products and services like this is happens in a vacuum. None of this happens in a vacuum.” [Conservative Review Podcast, [2/7/20](#)]

Family Assistance

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Bi-Partisan Plan To Extend TANF Eligibility To 18 And 19-Year Olds Who Were Full Time Students

January 2019: Freitas Voted Against Extending TANF Eligibility To 18 And 19 Year Olds Who Were Full Time Students. In January 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2005. “Makes eligible for TANF any person who is between the ages of 18 and 19 years old and a full-time student in a secondary school or in the equivalent level of career and technical education. Under current law, such persons are eligible for TANF if regularly attending, and expected to graduate from prior to turning 19 years of age, a secondary school or the equivalent level of career and technical education.” The House approved the measure by a vote of 92-7. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 2005, House Floor Vote (Passage), [1/7/19](#)]

2019: Freitas Voted Against Transitional Child Care Assistance For Student Parents

2019: Freitas Voted Against Transitional Child Care Assistance For Student Parents. In February 2019, Freitas Voted Against HB 1871. “Allows VIEW participants whose Temporary Assistance for Needy Families financial assistance is terminated to receive child care assistance for up to 12 months after termination if the individual is enrolled in an accredited public institution of higher education or other postsecondary school licensed or certified by the Board of Education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and is taking courses as part of a curriculum that leads to a postsecondary credential, such as a degree or an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license. Under current law, such child care assistance is only available if it enables the individual to work.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 86-11. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1871, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/5/19](#)]

Immigration & Border Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Freitas said that DACA made legal immigrants and children “vulnerable to crime and injustice.”*
- ✓ *Freitas said that Democratic party “encourages these caravans which come up to the border.”*
- ✓ *May 2018: Freitas said that he supported Trump Administration immigration policy and building a wall on the southern border.*
 - ✓ *Freitas stated that “there’s the wall component, there’s also the additional technology.”*
- ✓ *Freitas supported what he characterized as merit-based immigration reform.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed granting drivers licenses or permits to undocumented persons.*
- ✓ *Freitas rejected calls for outside monitoring of the border detention crisis.*
- ✓ *Freitas said that he supported Donald Trump overruling federal judges on immigration matters.*

DACA, DAPA & The DREAM Act

June 2018: Freitas Blamed DACA For Leaving “Legal Immigrants And Children Vulnerable To Crime And Injustice”

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Freitas Said That The Democratic Party "Encourages These Caravans Which Come Up To The Border." "FREITAS: 'They're not only culpable for illegal immigration, hurting American citizens, they're culpable for illegal immigration hurting immigrants, because not only they are allowing people to jump in the front of the line, which is completely unfair, but they have even courage. These caravans which come up to the border, and then women and children fall into the hands of drug cartels, sexual exploitation, sexual trafficking, because of their policies. So border security and border immigration reform is not just good for ourselves. citizens, it's actually

good for everybody that wants to actually come to the United States and do it the correct way. And I will support the president in both of his initiatives to make that happen.” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

The Wall

May 2018: Freitas Said That He Supported Trump Administration Immigration Policy And Building A Wall On The Southern Border

May 2018: Freitas Said That He Supported Trump Administration Immigration Policy And Building A Wall On The Southern Border. “Freitas and Jackson also leveled scorn at the Affordable Care Act, which is considered one of Obama’s major accomplishments. [...] The candidates supported Trump’s plans for tighter immigration controls, including building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. They praised the recent tax overhaul law passed by the Republican-controlled Congress.” [Virginian-Pilot, 5/2/18]

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January 2020: Freitas Said That The “There’s The Wall Component, There’s Also The Additional Technology.” So President Trump has led on two major issues that he wants to do one has to do with the border security component. There’s the wall component, there’s also the additional technology. Alright, there’s sensors, there’s everything else that you need border patrol in order to effectively allocate resources to stop the overflow the border.” [Fredericksburg Virginia Patriots Forum, 1/26/20]

Freitas Wanted An Immigration System With “Good Border Security” Under Which “It Doesn’t Cost Thousands Of Dollars” To Immigrate Legally. “All I want is a system where we have good border security, where it become... where it, you can immigrate to the United States legally, and it’s easy to understand and it doesn’t cost thousands of dollars to be able to do it but you have to do it legally.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 54:39, [5/5/20](#)]

Immigration Reform

Freitas Called For Merit-Based Immigration Reform

Freitas: “We Need To Reform Our Immigration Policy To Go To Merit Based Immigration Reform.” “And so from a position of fairness, from a position of security, and yes from a position of compassion, we need border security, we need to reform our immigration policy to go to merit based immigration reform, and we need to actually create a situation where we reward people that come here legally, not reward people that come here illegally.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 55:17, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Regulating Drivers Licensing For Undocumented Immigrants

Freitas Voted Against Undocumented Immigrants Being Able To Get A Driver’s License. “So we had another bill this year, and it was a bill, um to allow people that are in the country illegally to be able to have a driver’s license. And I voted against that because again I, I didn’t think it made any sense that we were going to increase the fees on US citizens, and by the way, anyone that’s hear legally, we’re going to increase the fees on them in order to pay for someone that came here illegally to be able to drive, and then to be able to use that photo ID and the potential fraud that could take place as a result of having that official document.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 51:33, [5/5/20](#)]

Freitas Criticized What He Called Abuse Of State Facilities By Undocumented Residents

Freitas Criticized That “When Someone Comes To This Country Illegally [...], They’re Still Able To Use The School System, They’re Still Able To Use The Hospital System.” “When someone comes to this country illegally, even if they want to work hard, they’re still able to use the school system, they’re still able to use the hospital system. There is a ton of fraud, waste, and abuse within our welfare system as well. And so now US taxpayers are being asked to pay an ever higher burden for those various services. And now you’re asking them to do more. And now you’re asking them to say that they have to give you an official document even though you came to the country illegally. That’s not just unfair to US citizens, you know who else that’s unfair to? Everybody waiting in line to come here legally.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 53:01, [5/5/20](#)]

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Freitas Rejected Calls For Outside Monitoring Of The Border Detention Crisis And Said That Democrats Needed “To Let @realDonaldTrump And Republicans Solve This Issue.” “Ilhan Omar and “the squad” want to abolish ICE, but are perfectly happy letting the UN come in to monitor our Southern border. They need to let @realDonaldTrump and Republicans solve this issue like we are trying to in DC and here in VA.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [8/30/19](#)]



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Freitas Accused Democrats Of Helping To Create The Crisis At The Border

Freitas Accused Democrats Of Helping To Create The Crisis At The Border. “If the democrats are serious about addressing the crisis. at the border, then they’ll stop creating one. In fact, they’ll recognize that it is immoral for them to benefit more from the problem than they do this solution.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [8/30/19](#)]

Freitas Said He Supported Trump Overruling Federal Judges On Immigration Matters

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Freitas Said He Supported Trump Overruling Federal Judges On Immigration Matters, Despite Said He Was Not A Fan Of “Overarching Executive Power.” “HOROWITZ: ‘We don’t like executive actions, but the reality is what Trump has been doing, let’s put aside guns. There’s some funny stuff. The DOJ did but on immigration, legitimately everything He is doing is finally implementing a very modest like with a public charge. It was a very modest portion, there’s still a tremendous amount of welfare there. They get Medicaid school lunch programs, a lot of stuff, very modest implementation of what Congress said you must do. Same thing with er, incoming district judges says, screw that. I’m gonna hear the case anyway. And I’m going to say you can’t do that. You’re a member of Congress. Nick, what do you do?’ FREITAS: ‘Thank you. I think in that case, I’m siding with the executives. And again, that’s hard for me to say, right? I mean, I’m not it. I’m not a big fan of overarching executive power. But the question is, is what is the President’s authority under this? What is the authority on the

legislation? And look, I realized that we're probably not going to go back and refight Marbury vs. Madison and then the whole, you know, component of judicial supremacy or Maryland versus McCullough.'" [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Freitas Said That It Was Not The Judicial Branch's Job To Interpret The Constitution, But Rather The Role Of Every Branch. "FREITAS: 'The whole issue that I have with this is that we've created a culture in the United States where people have this idea that it's the judicial branch of government that's responsible for interpreting enforcing the Constitution. No, every branch of government is responsible for interpreting enforcing the Constitution. Right? Obviously, the judiciary has judicial review powers. But if you look at the Constitution, the way it's originally written, it didn't mean that the Supreme the Supreme Court gave opinions. And those opinions were supposed to be respected, because of, you know, the office and the sort of people that would maintain it, and, you know, the arguments that they would make with respect to their opinions, but more and more, we just see people where they'll pass anything or they'll try to enforce anything.'" [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

Freitas Used Andrew Jackson's Refusal To Comply With A Supreme Court Decision Regarding Indian Removal To Illustrate His Novel Interpretation Of The Constitution. "FREITAS: 'And it's just a question of whether or not you've got enough, you know, politically motivated justices on the court, that who are judicial positivists that think that their job is to essentially correct or write legends from the bench. [...] And I say, eh, I think the issue is, is that this is, this is where if you read the Federalist Papers, this is where the whole idea of and I don't particularly like to quote Andrew Jackson, because when he made this quote, he was actually horribly wrong. But he had said at one point that Supreme Court has made his decision now let's see him and enforce it. Now again, he used that quote on something that was agreed Because it had to do with actually removing Indian tribes.[...] I want I think that's the part the reason why the courts don't have any, any actual ability to enforce what they say, right? That's completely dependent on the executive branch in order to do that. And so I do think you get into this and look, it's a gray area, right. But you get into this area where it's like, Okay, wait a second, if this is a, if this is such a clear and cut case of someone again, of the judiciary overstepping their bounds.'" [Conservative Review Podcast, 2/7/20]

LGBT Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2020, Freitas introduced legislation to specifically ban Trans Women from Domestic Violence Shelters in Virginia.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed the reissuance of birth certificates to conform with an individual's self-identity.*
- ✓ *Freitas opposed legislation that mandated gender equity in schools.*
- ✓ *In 2020, Freitas voted against allowing local municipalities to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- ✓ *Freitas did not vote (or abstain, which would have indicated presence in the chamber), to ban conversion therapy in Virginia.*

Trans Rights

2020: Freitas Introduced Legislation To Specifically Ban Trans Women From Domestic Violence Shelters

January 2020: Freitas Introduced HB 867, Which Specifically Barred “Individuals Who Are Not Of That Sex” From A Single Sex Domestic Violence Shelter. “Provides that a shelter for victims of domestic violence may be established for the purpose of providing services to individuals of a single sex and may exclude individuals who are not of that sex from the registered shelter.” [HB 867, Introduced 1/7/20]

February 2020: The Criminal Justice Subcommittee Tabled The Bill By A Vote Of 5-3. HB 867, Tabled [2/3/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Requiring The State To Reissue Of Birth Certificates With A Changed Sex Designation Upon Request

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Requiring The State Registrar To Reissue Birth Certificates With A Changed Sex Upon Request Of An Individual. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1041.”Requires the State Registrar to issue a new certificate of birth to show a change of sex upon request of the person and, if a certified copy of a court order changing the person's name is submitted, to include the person's new name. The bill provides that requirements related to obtaining a new certificate of birth to show a change of sex shall include a requirement that the person submit a form furnished by the State Registrar and completed by a health care provider from whom the person has received treatment stating that the person has undergone clinically appropriate treatment for gender transition but shall not include a requirement for evidence or documentation of any medical procedure.” The House adopted the measure by a vote of 51-45. The measure was approved by the Governor. [HB 1041, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption) [2/3/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Legislation That Required Gender Identity Equity In Schools

Freitas Opposed Legislation That Required Gender Identity Equity In Schools. “FREITAS: ‘You see some of the bills passed out of the House and thankfully, you know, didn't make it through the Senate. You know, a lot of these have pretty sounding names like “The Equality Act.” Well what people don't understand about the Equality

Act that was giving the federal government massive control over things like your local school districts. And we're not talking about equality in the sense of everyone's equal before the law we're talking about the government, federal government coming in and telling your local school district that if they don't allow a boy to compete on the girls soccer team then that school could potentially lose federal funding. I mean I don't think that's the sort of thing that we expect the federal government to be coming in and mandating to local school districts. Um, but again everybody... Abigail Spanberger voted for it.” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 39:37, [5/5/20](#)]

Human Rights Legislation

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Local Municipalities To Prohibit Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Municipalities To Pass Ordinances Banning Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 696. “Provides that localities may prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, credit, and education on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 75-24. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 696, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/6/20](#)]

Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity. In March 2020, Freitas Voted Against HB 1049. “Prohibits discrimination in employment, public accommodation, public contracting, apprenticeship programs, housing, banking, and insurance on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The bill also adds discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill contains technical amendments.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 52-40. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1049, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Conversion Therapy

Freitas Missed A Vote To Ban Conversion Therapy In Virginia

February 2020: Freitas Did Not Vote Against Prohibiting Health Care Providers From Practicing Conversion Therapy In Virginia On Persons Under The Age Of 18. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 386. “Prohibits any health care provider or person who performs counseling as part of his training for any profession licensed by a regulatory board of the Department of Health Professions from engaging in conversion therapy, as defined in the bill, with any person under 18 years of age and provides that such counseling constitutes unprofessional conduct and is grounds for disciplinary action. The bill provides that no state funds shall be expended for the purpose of conducting conversion therapy with a person under 18 years of age, referring a person under 18 years of age for conversion therapy, or extending health benefits coverage for conversion therapy with a person under 18 years of age.” The House Passed the bill by a vote of 66-27. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 386, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/3/20](#)]

Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2018, Freitas praised the GOP Tax Bill.*
- ✓ *May 2018: Freitas wanted to abolish the Federal Income Tax and replace it with a “fair tax,” or national sales tax.*
- ✓ *Freitas claimed to have taken a pledge to never vote to raise taxes as a legislator, but it was unclear if he actually did so.*

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

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May 2018: Freitas Praised The 2017 Republican Tax Bill. “The candidates supported Trump’s plans for tighter immigration controls, including building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. They praised the recent tax overhaul law passed by the Republican-controlled Congress. Freitas said the tax changes don’t go far enough. He favors abolishing the federal income tax entirely, replacing it with a national sales tax – known by supporters as a ‘fair tax.’” [Virginian-Pilot, 5/2/18]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

...While Millions Of Americans Would Pay More In Taxes

Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That’s not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand’s statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill’s individual provisions expire that year. There’s no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027. “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent

in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.9 Trillion. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion.” [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, [12/27/17](#)]

HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018 [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes to Keep Overhaul of Safety-Net Programs on GOP Agenda [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

AP: “A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America’s Troubling Income Inequality.” “The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America’s troubling income inequality.” [Associated Press, [12/17/17](#)]

Income Tax

May 2018: Freitas Wanted To Abolish The Federal Income Tax And Replace It With A “Fair Tax”

May 2018: Freitas Wanted To Abolish The Federal Income Tax And Replace It With A “Fair Tax,” Or National Sales Tax. “The candidates supported Trump’s plans for tighter immigration controls, including building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. They praised the recent tax overhaul law passed by the Republican-controlled Congress. Freitas said the tax changes don’t go far enough. He favors abolishing the federal income tax entirely, replacing it with a national sales tax – known by supporters as a ‘fair tax.’” [Virginian-Pilot, 5/2/18]

The Fair Tax Would Require Huge Local Sales Tax Hikes. “This examination reveals that, in every case, ‘FairTax’ proposals would: Require huge, and probably unworkable, sales tax rate hikes. ‘FairTax’ proposals would do away with revenue sources that now provide 42 percent of the average state’s tax revenue — funds that are essential for K-12 education, health care, public safety, social services, and other functions. To fully

replace revenue lost from eliminating other taxes, sales tax rates would have to be markedly higher than they are now, and often higher than “FairTax” proponents claim would be needed.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/7/10](#)]

The Fair Tax Would Raise Taxes On The Middle Class. “Eliminating income taxes would, in most states, mean the wealthiest households would see the biggest tax reductions. The net result would be an overall tax increase for everyone else. “FairTax” proposals would include a rebate to shield low-income taxpayers from this tax increase, but the rebate would not be large enough to shield middle-income families from bearing the brunt.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/7/10](#)]

Tax Pledge

May 2018: Freitas Pledged To Never Vote To Raise Taxes And Touted His Signing The “American Taxpayer Pledge”

May 2018: Freitas Pledged To Never Vote To Raise Taxes, And Touted As Having Signed The “American Taxpayer Pledge.” “While I’ve signed the American Taxpayer Pledge to never vote to raise taxes, Corey has voted to hike taxes 9 times as Supervisor. With Sen. Tim Kaine voting against the President’s tax cuts, our economy doesn’t need a Republican w/ a history of tax hikes like Corey Stewart.” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [5/9/18](#)]

While The Name Resembled The “Taxpayer Protection Pledge” That Was Pushed By Grover Norquist, Only Freitas’ Wife Was Mentioned On His Website As A Signatory. “The following Virginia candidates and incumbents have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge: [...] Tina Freitas, State Senate 24.” [Americans for Tax Reform, [6/6/19](#)]

June 2018: Norquist And Freitas Appeared Together At An Event Hosted By The Leadership Institute. “RT @LeadershipInst: Free beer and wine garden Free barbecue Free bluegrass music @GroverNorquist and @NickForVA Your name on the...” [Nick Freitas, Twitter, [6/20/18](#)]



[Nick Freitas, Twitter, [6/20/18](#)]

Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2020 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

May 2020: Freitas Had An Estimated Net Worth Between -\$139,996 And \$239,996

2020: Freitas Had An Estimated Net Worth Between -\$139,996 And \$239,996. [Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)]

Earned Income

May 2020: Freitas Reported \$62,200.75 In Earned Income In 2020 To Date, And \$155,198 In Earned Income For 2019

Freitas Reported \$62,200.75 In Earned Income From Gold Team Consulting And The Virginia House Of Delegates For 2020 To Date. [Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)]

Freitas Reported \$155,198 In Earned Income From Gold Team Consulting And The Virginia House Of Delegates For 2019. [Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)]

2020 Freitas Earned Income			
Source	Type	Amount (2020 YTD)	Amount (Previous Year, 2019)
Gold Team Consulting	President	\$51,900.00	\$130,900.00
Virginia House of Delegates	Member	\$10,300.975	\$24,298.00

[Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2020: Freitas Did Not Report Any Unearned Income

2020: Freitas Did Not Report Any Unearned Income. [Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)]

2020 Freitas Assets & “Unearned” Income							
SP/DC/JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income		Tx. > \$1,000
		Min	Max		Min	Max	
MF	American Funds Target Date Retirement 2045 R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	
MF	American Funds Target Date Retirement 2045 R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	
MF	Federated Kaufmann Large Cap R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	
MF	Federated Kaufmann Large Cap R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	
MF	MFS Value R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	

MF	MFS Value R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	
	Total:	\$90,006	\$300,000	Total:	N/A	N/A	

[Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)]

Transactions

2019: As A Non-Incumbent Candidate For Congress, Freitas Was Not Required To Disclose Transactions, And Did Not Disclose Any. [Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)]

Liabilities

2020 Freitas Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
(Blank)	Bank of America	March 2020	Credit Card	\$15,001-\$50,000
(Blank)	Lending Tree	March 2019	Loan Payment	\$15,001-\$50,000
(Blank)	Bank of America	March 2020	Credit Card	\$15,001-\$50,000
(Blank)	Lending Tree	March 2019	Loan Payment	\$15,001-\$50,000
			TOTAL	\$60,004-\$200,000

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Positions

2020 Freitas Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Owner	Gold Team Consulting
Owner	Gold Team Consulting

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Agreements

Freitas Disclosed No Agreements. [Freitas 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/14/20](#)]

Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source

2020 Freitas Compensation Over \$5,000 From One Source	
Source	Brief Description of Duties
Avanti (Fairfax, VA, US)	Gold Team Consulting provided consulting & proposal support
Hinz Consulting (Fairfax, VA, US)	Gold Team Consulting provided consulting & proposal support
Young Americans for Liberty (Austin, TX, US)	Gold Team Consulting provided consulting & proposal support
KeyW (Fairfax, VA, US)	Former Employee – Capture Manager
Moms for America (Englewood, OH, US)	Consulting

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2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Earned Income

March 2020: Freitas Reported \$35,300 In Earned Income For 2019 In A Likely Error

March 2020: Freitas Reported \$35,300 In Earned Income From Gold Team Consulting For The 2019 Filing Year. [Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

Freitas Reported \$130,900 In Earned Income From Gold Team Consulting For The 2018 Income Year. [Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

2019 Freitas Earned Income			
Source	Type	Amount (2019)	Amount (Previous Year, 2018)
Gold Team Consulting	President	\$35,500.00	\$130,900.00

[Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

Note: While public records indicate that Freitas received his full salary from the Virginia House of Delegates in 2018, he did not report that income on his 2019 PFD.

Assets & Unearned Income

2020: Freitas Did Not Report Any Unearned Income

2020: Freitas Did Not Report Any Unearned Income. [Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

2019 Freitas Assets & "Unearned" Income							
SP/DC/JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income		Tx. > \$1,000
		Min	Max		Min	Max	
MF	American Funds Target Date Retirement 2045 R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	
MF	Federated Kaufmann Large Cap R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	
MF	MFS Value R6 Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred	(Blank)	(Blank)	
	Total:	\$45,003	\$150,000	Total:	N/A	N/A	

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Transactions

2019: As A Non-Incumbent Candidate For Congress, Freitas Was Not Required To Disclose Transactions, And Did Not Disclose Any. [Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

Liabilities

2020 Freitas Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
(Blank)	Bank of America	March 2020	Credit Card	\$15,001-\$50,000
(Blank)	Lending Tree	March 2019	Loan Payment	\$15,001-\$50,000
			TOTAL	\$30,002-\$100,000

[Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

Positions

2020 Freitas Positions

Position	Name Of Organization
Owner	Gold Team Consulting

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Agreements

Freitas Disclosed No Agreements. [Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source

2019 Freitas Compensation Over \$5,000 From One Source	
Source	Brief Description of Duties
Avanti (Fairfax, VA, US)	Gold Team Consulting provided consulting & proposal support
Hinz Consulting (Fairfax, VA, US)	Gold Team Consulting provided consulting & proposal support
KeyW (Fairfax, VA, US)	Former Employee – Capture Manager

[Freitas 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/16/20](#)]

2020-Virginia Conflict Of Interest Disclosure

Offices, Directorships, And Employment

Compensation As Business Director

Freitas Reported “Remuneration, Benefits, Or Compensation For Service As An Officer Or Director Of A Business.” [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Salary And Wages In Excess Of \$5,000

Name of Business or Employer	Location of Business or Employer	Position	By Whom	Office or Directorship or Employment
Gold Team Consulting	Culpeper, VA	President	Nick Freitas	OFFICE OR DIRECTORSHIP

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Personal Debts

Individual Debts

Creditor Categories	
Categories	Amount of Personal Debt
Banks, credit unions, and other savings institutions	Not Applicable
Other loan or finance companies	\$5,001 to \$50,000
Issuers of credit cards	\$5,001 to \$50,000
Insurance companies	Not Applicable
Stock, commodity, or other brokerage companies	Not Applicable

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Other Business Creditors

Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

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Individual Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

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Debts Of Family Members

Creditor Categories	
Categories	Amount of Personal Debt
Banks, credit unions, and other savings institutions	Not Applicable
Other loan or finance companies	Not Applicable
Issuers of credit cards	Not Applicable
Insurance companies	Not Applicable
Stock, commodity, or other brokerage companies	Not Applicable

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Other Business Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

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Individual Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

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Securities

Securities		
Name of Issuer of Security	Type of Security	Value of Security
American Funds Target Date Retirement 2045 R6 Fund	Fund	\$5,001 to \$50,000
Federated Kaufmann Large Cap R6 Fund	Fund	\$5,001 to \$50,000
MFS Value R6 Fund	Fund	\$5,001 to \$50,000

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Businesses In Excess Of \$5,000 In Value

Freitas Reported Interest In A Business In Value Above \$5,000. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Business Interest		
Name of Business or Nature of Business	Type of Security	Value of Security
Gold Team Consulting LLC	Culpeper, VA	\$50,000 or LESS

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Real Property Excluding Principal Residence Above \$5,000

Freitas Did Not Report Interest In Real Property Excluding Principal His Residence Above \$5,000 In Value. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Travel Expenses And Paid Appearances

Freitas Did Reported A Total Compensation For Travel Reimbursement For Appearances And Travel In His Capacity As A Legislator. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Paid Travel And Appearances					
Source of Payment	Description of Event	Location of Event	Dates of Event	Total Value	Travel Waiver?
Young Americans for Liberty	Widely Attended Event - YALCON	Austin TX	6-8 Sep	\$1,500 Travel/Lodging/Food	N/A
Young Americans for Liberty	Widely Attended Event - YALCON	Detroit MI	27-29 Sep	\$1,500 Travel/Lodging/Food	N/A
Young Americans for Liberty	Widely Attended Event - YALCON	Philadelphia PA	12-14 Apr	\$700 - Travel/Lodging/Food	N/A
Young Americans for Liberty	Widely Attended Event - YALCON	Memphis TN	28-30 June	\$1,000 Travel/Lodging/Food	N/A
Young Americans for Liberty	Widely Attended Event - YALCON	San Jose CA	19-21 Jul	\$1000 Travel/Lodging/Food	N/A
Young Americans for Liberty	Seminar	Austin TX	15-16 Nov	\$1,000 Travel/Lodging/Food	N/A

Young Americans for Liberty	Seminar	Austin TX	11-12 Jan 2020	\$1,000 Travel/Lodging/Food	N/A
TOTAL				\$7,700	

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Gifts From Lobbyists

Freitas Did Not Report Any Gifts From Lobbyists In Excess Of \$50. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Gifts From Lobbyists					
Name Of Recipient	Name Of Donor	Exact Gift Or Event	Date Accepted	Value	Gift Cap Exemption
Nick Freitas	NRA	Dinner	Jan	\$75	Widely attended event

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Representing Businesses Before Government Agency

Freitas Did Not Report Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 For Representing A Business Before A Government Agency. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Freitas Did Not Report Close Association With Those in A Business Who Received In Excess Of \$5,000 For Representing A Business Before A Government Agency. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Freitas Did Not Report Close Association With Anyone Providing Services To A Business Who Received In Excess Of \$5,000 For Representing A Business Before A Government Agency. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Real Estate Under Government Contract

Freitas Did Not Report Any Interest In Real Estate In Excess Of \$5,000 That Was Subject To A Government Contract. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Lobbying

Freitas Did Not Report Himself Or His Family As A Lobbyist With The Secretary Of The Commonwealth. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

Freitas Did Not Report Himself Or His Family Having Registered A Lobbyist Relationship. [2020 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [2/17/20](#)]

2019-Virginia Conflict Of Interest Disclosure

Offices, Directorships, And Employment

Compensation As Business Director

Freitas Did Not Report “Remuneration, Benefits, Or Compensation For Service As An Officer Or Director Of A Business.” [2019 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/29/19](#)]

Salary And Wages In Excess Of \$5,000

Name of Business or Employer	Location of Business or Employer	Position	By Whom	Office or Directorship or Employment
Gold Team Consulting	Culpeper, VA	President	Nick Freitas	OFFICE OR DIRECTORSHIP
KeyW	7740 Milestone Parkway, Suite 150 Hanover, MD 21076	Capture Manager	Nick Freitas	Employment

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Personal Debts
Individual Debts

Creditor Categories	
Categories	Amount of Personal Debt
Banks, credit unions, and other savings institutions	Not Applicable
Other loan or finance companies	Not Applicable
Issuers of credit cards	\$5,001 to \$50,000
Insurance companies	Not Applicable
Stock, commodity, or other brokerage companies	Not Applicable

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Other Business Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

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Individual Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
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		Not Applicable
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Debts Of Family Members

Creditor Categories	
Categories	Amount of Personal Debt
Banks, credit unions, and other savings institutions	Not Applicable
Other loan or finance companies	Not Applicable

Issuers of credit cards	Not Applicable
Insurance companies	Not Applicable
Stock, commodity, or other brokerage companies	Not Applicable

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		Not Applicable
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Individual Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

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Securities

Securities		
Name of Issuer of Security	Type of Security	Value of Security
TRRKX TRP retirement fund	Fund	\$5,001 to \$50,000

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Businesses In Excess Of \$5,000 In Value

Freitas Did Not Report Interest In A Business In Value Above \$5,000. [2019 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/29/19](#)]

Real Property Excluding Principal Residence Above \$5,000

Freitas Did Not Report Interest In Real Property Excluding Principal His Residence Above \$5,000 In Value. [2019 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/29/19](#)]

Business Travel Expenses

Freitas Did Not Report Any Compensation For Travel Reimbursement For His Private Business Activities In Excess Of \$100. [2019 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/29/19](#)]

Gifts From Lobbyists

Freitas Did Not Report Any Gifts From Lobbyists In Excess Of \$50. [2019 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/29/19](#)]

Representing Businesses Before Government Agency

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Compensation As Business Director

Freitas Did Not Report “Remuneration, Benefits, Or Compensation For Service As An Officer Or Director Of A Business.” [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Salary And Wages In Excess Of \$5,000

Name of Business or Employer	Location of Business or Employer	Position	By Whom	Office or Directorship or Employment
KeyW	7740 Milestone Parkway, Suite 150 Hanover, MD 21076	Capture Manager	Nick Freitas	Employment

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Personal Debts

Individual Debts

Creditor Categories	
Categories	Amount of Personal Debt
Banks, credit unions, and other savings institutions	Not Applicable
Other loan or finance companies	Not Applicable
Issuers of credit cards	\$5,001 to \$50,000
Insurance companies	Not Applicable
Stock, commodity, or other brokerage companies	Not Applicable

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Other Business Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor’s Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
		Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
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Individual Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor’s Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
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Debts Of Family Members

Creditor Categories	
Categories	Amount of Personal Debt
Banks, credit unions, and other savings institutions	Not Applicable
Other loan or finance companies	Not Applicable
Issuers of credit cards	Not Applicable
Insurance companies	Not Applicable
Stock, commodity, or other brokerage companies	Not Applicable

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Other Business Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
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Individual Creditors		
Name of Creditor	Creditor's Principal Business Activity	Amount of Personal Debt
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Securities

Securities		
Name of Issuer of Security	Type of Security	Value of Security
TRRKX TRP retirement fund	Fund	\$5,001 to \$50,000
		Not Applicable
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[2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Businesses In Excess Of \$5,000 In Value

Freitas Did Not Report Interest In A Business In Value Above \$5,000. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Real Property Excluding Principal Residence Above \$5,000

Freitas Did Not Report Interest In Real Property Excluding Principal His Residence Above \$5,000 In Value. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Business Travel Expenses

Freitas Did Not Report Any Compensation For Travel Reimbursement For His Private Business Activities In Excess Of \$100. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Gifts From Lobbyists

Freitas Did Not Report Any Gifts From Lobbyists In Excess Of \$50. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Representing Businesses Before Government Agency

Freitas Did Not Report Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 For Representing A Business Before A Government Agency. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Freitas Did Not Report Close Association With Those in A Business Who Received In Excess Of \$5,000 For Representing A Business Before A Government Agency. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Freitas Did Not Report Close Association With Anyone Providing Services To A Business Who Received In Excess Of \$5,000 For Representing A Business Before A Government Agency. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Real Estate Under Government Contract

Freitas Did Not Report Any Interest In Real Estate In Excess Of \$5,000 That Was Subject To A Government Contract. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Lobbying

Freitas Did Not Report Himself Or His Family As A Lobbyist With The Secretary Of The Commonwealth. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Freitas Did Not Report Himself Or His Family Having Registered A Lobbyist Relationship. [2018 Virginia General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/18](#)]

Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ *As Of Q1 2020, Freitas raised over 96% of his contributions from individuals.*
- ✓ *In Q1 2020, Freitas spent over \$10,000 on a private jet charter firm with a record of desiring secrecy for its clients.*
- ✓ *In 2019, Freitas’ Delegate campaign committee received a \$500,000 contribution from Republican mega-donor Richard Uihlein.*
 - ✓ *2019-2020: Richard And Liz Uihlein Also Contributed \$8,200 To Freitas’ Congressional Campaign.*
- ✓ *From 2014-2019, Freitas’ Delegate campaign committee gave over \$220,000 to other committees and PACs in Virginia.*

2020 Congressional Campaign Committee

Freitas’s Campaign Raised \$627,078.40 And Spent \$367,421.86

Freitas 2020 Congress Campaign Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2020	\$627,078.40	\$601,678.47	\$0	\$24,370.03	\$0	\$0	\$367,421.86	\$367,421.86	\$2,100.00

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 6/4/20]

Freitas’s Campaign Committee Received 96.44% Of His Contributions From Individual Contributors And 3.91% From PACs

Source Of Freitas Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual Contributors	\$601,678	96.44%
PAC Contributors	\$24,370	3.91%
Self-Financing	\$0	0%
Other		

[OpenSecrets, accessed 6/4/20]

Freitas’s Campaign Committee Received \$0 From Corporate PACs

Over His Career, Freitas Received \$0 From Corporate PACs. [Maplight, accessed 6/4/20]

Freitas’s Campaign Committee Received 100%% Of His PAC Contributions From Ideological PACs

Source Of Freitas Career Congressional Campaign Committee PAC Contributions		
Category	#	%

Business PACs	\$0	0%
Labor PACs	\$0	0%
Ideological PACs	\$25, 670	100%

[OpenSecrets, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

Top Overall Contributors

Freitas Career Top Contributors			
Contributor	Total	Individuals	PACs
Gaby Foundation	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Morning Star Co.	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Prescott Investors	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Saulsbury Industries	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Saulsbury Ventures	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
University of Virginia	\$5,625	\$5,625	\$0
American Color	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
Bomgar Corp	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
Development Services LLC	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
Imagine Schools	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
Maurice Pincoff Co	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
Raging Wire	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
Research Affiliates LLC	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
Creative Response Concepts	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$0
Conservative Leadership PAC	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Golden Age Farm	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Gun Owners of America	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Jobs, Freedom & Security PAC	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Reinventing a News Direction	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [6/5/20](#)]

Top Overall Industries

Freitas Career Top Industry		
Rank	Industry	Total
1	Retired	\$115,003
2	Republican/Conservative	\$36,805
3	Securities & Investment	\$35,550
4	Education	\$12,920
5	Gun Rights	\$12,350
6	Corp Production & Basic Processing	\$11,850
7	Non-Profit Institutions	\$11,280
8	Food Processing & Sales	\$11,280
9	Construction Services	\$11,220
10	Leadership PACs	\$10,000
11	Real Estate	\$9,530
12	Misc. Finance	\$8,510
13	Civil Servants/Public Officials	\$4,311
14	Insurance	\$3,960
15	Business Services	\$3,640
16	Hospitals/Nursing Homes	\$3,130
17	Retails Sales	\$2,726
18	Automotive	\$2,600
19	Commercial Banks	\$2,440

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [6/5/20](#)]

NOTE: According to the Center for Responsive Politics, “The organizations themselves did not donate, rather the money came from the organizations’ PACs, their individual members or employees or owners, and those individuals’ immediate families. Organization totals include subsidiaries and affiliates” [Center for Responsive Politics Top Contributors, accessed [3/21/17](#)]

Top Overall Sectors

Freitas Career Top Contributors By Sector			
Sector	Total	Individuals	PACs
Agribusiness	\$23,570		
Communications/Electronics	\$4,170		
Construction	\$14,190		
Defense	\$2,050		
Energy/Natural Resource	\$12,415		
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	\$60,210		
Health	\$5,325		
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$3,631		
Misc. Business	\$11,894		
Ideology/Single-Issue	\$60,430		
Other	\$145,529		

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [6/5/20](#)]

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2018 Senate Campaign Committee

Freitas’s Campaign Raised \$627,078.40 And Spent \$367,421.86

Freitas 2018 Congress Campaign Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2018	\$605,406.27	\$579,047.00	\$0	\$25,885.00	\$0	\$0	\$605,405.96	\$582,664.35	\$22,482.00

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [6/5/20](#)]

Freitas’s Campaign Committee Received 96.44% Of His Contributions From Individual Contributors And 3.91% From PACs

Source Of Freitas Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual Contributors	\$579,047	95.72%
PAC Contributors	\$25,885	4.28%
Self-Financing	\$0	0%
Other	-\$22,464	-3.71%

[OpenSecrets, accessed [6/5/20](#)]

Freitas's Campaign Committee Received \$0 From Corporate PACs

During His US Senate Campaign, Freitas Received \$0 From Corporate PACs. [Maplight, accessed 6/4/20]

Virginia Campaign Committee

2015-2019 Freitas's Campaign Raised \$627,078.40 And Spent \$367,421.86

Freitas 2019 Virginia House of Delegates Campaign Committee Funds										
Cycle	Total Receipts							Total Disbursements		
	Total	Cash Cont. >\$100	Cash Cont. <\$100	In-Kind >\$100	In-Kind >\$100	Loans	Misc.	Total	Itemized Expenses	In-Kind Expenses
2015	\$43,990	\$31,745	\$3,833	\$7,824	\$88	\$0	\$500	\$36,051	\$28,139	\$7,912
2017	\$77,122	\$49,649	\$8,901	\$18,488	\$84	\$0	\$0	\$83,828	\$65,256	\$18,572
2019	\$650,069	\$586,470	\$24,666	\$24,893	\$47	\$0	\$13,993	\$647,349	\$622,409	\$24,940
Total	\$771,181	\$667,864	\$37,000	\$51,205	\$219	\$0	\$14,493	\$767,228	\$715,804	\$51,424

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [6/5/20](#)]

Top Overall Contributors

Freitas Career Top Contributors	
Contributor	Total
Richard E Uilein	\$500,000
Republican Party of Virginia	\$42,672
VA Citizens Defense League	\$20,000
Chris Rufer	\$15,000
VA Dental Association	\$4,500
Mark A. James	\$3,500
Charles H. Pringle	\$3,240
Betting on Virginia Jobs	\$3,000
Elizabeth S. Powell	\$3,000
Howard S. Rich	\$2,800

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [6/5/20](#)]

Donors By Occupation

Freitas Virginia Career Top Industry		
Rank	Industry	Total
1	Retail	\$516,117
2	Political	\$59,538
3	Single-Issue Groups	\$26,750
4	Agriculture	\$26,480
5	Miscellaneous	\$21,055
6	Real Estate/Construction	\$11,850
7	Health Care	\$11,280
8	Technology, Communication	\$11,280
9	Undetermined	\$11,220
10	Law	\$10,000
11	Transportation	\$9,530
12	Financial Services	\$8,510
13	Defense	\$4,311
14	Insurance	\$3,960

15	Public Employees	\$3,640
16	Energy, Natural Resources	\$3,130
17	Manufacturing	\$2,726

2014-2019: Freitas' Delegate Campaign Contributed \$222,851 To Other Virginia Committees

Freitas Delegate Campaign Career Contributions		
Committee	Party	Total
Republican Party of Virginia	Republican	\$93,430
Bryce Reeves For Senate	Republican	\$15,330
D.J. Jordan For Delegate	Republican	\$11,000
Roxann Robinson For Delegate	Republican	\$10,000
GayDonna Vandergriff	Republican	\$10,000
Tina Freitas for State Senate	Republican	\$9,591
Colonial Leadership Trust PAC	Republican	\$7,600
Ian Lovejoy for Delegate	Republican	\$6,000
Tony Wilt for Delegate	Republican	\$6,000
Heather Cordasco for Delegate	Republican	\$5,750
Richard Anderson for Delegate	Republican	\$5,250
Geary Higgins for Senate	Republican	\$5,000
Mary Kastelberg for Delegate	Republican	\$5,000
Paul Milde for Delegate	Republican	\$4,000
Scott Wyatt for Delegate	Republican	\$2,500
Amanda Chase for Senate	Republican	\$2,000
Dominion Leadership Trust	Republican	\$2,000
Kelly McGinn for Delegate	Republican	\$2,000
Nathaniel Clancy for Culpeper County Board of Supervisors	Republican	\$1,000
Garrison Coward for Delegate	Republican	\$1,000
Carrie Conyer for Delegate	Republican	\$1,000
Siobhan Dunnavant for Senate	Republican	\$1,000
Forrest Hite for Delegate	Republican	\$1,000
House Republican Campaign Committee	Republican	\$1,000
Timothy Hugo for Delegate	Republican	\$1,000
Jen Kiggans for State Senate	Republican	\$1,000
Susan Lascolette for Goochland County Board of Supervisors	Republican	\$1,000
Karl Leonard for Chesterfield Sheriff	N/A	\$1,000
Randy Minchew for Delegate	Republican	\$1,000
Heather Mitchell for Delegate	Republican	\$1,000
Glen Sturtevant for Senate	Republican	\$1,000
Tom Underwood for Culpeper County Supervisor	Republican	\$1,000
Michael Webert for Delegate	Republican	\$1,000
Melissa White for Culpeper County Treasurer	Republican	\$1,000
Amanda Batten for Delegate	Republican	\$500
Suzanne Fox for State Senate	Republican	\$500
Bryce Reeves for Lt Governor	Republican	\$500
David Yancey for Delegate	Republican	\$500
Emily Brewer for Delegate	Republican	\$250
Graven Craig for Delegate	Republican	\$250
Tag Greason for Delegate	Republican	\$250
Rocky Holcomb for Delegate	Republican	\$250
James LeMunyon for Delegate	Republican	\$250
Scott Lingamfelter for Delegate	Republican	\$250
Millennial Advocacy Council PAC	Republican	\$250

Republican Party - 7th Congressional District	Republican	\$250
Marshall Keene for Culpeper County School Board	Independent	\$200
Jon Russell for Culpeper Town Council - Jon	Independent	\$200
TOTAL		\$222,851

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [7/14/20](#)]

2019: Freitas Received A Staggering \$500,000 In Campaign Contributions From Richard Uihlein, A GOP Megadonor

Billionaire Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein Donated \$500,000 To Freitas' 2019 Campaign

Billionaire Republican Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein Donated \$500,000 To Freitas' Write-In Campaign. In September 2019, the Culpeper Star-Exponent reported: "A Chicago area Republican mega-donor has donated \$500,000 to the write-in reelection campaign of Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper. Billionaire businessman Richard Uihlein made the contribution on July 12, according to recently released campaign finance reports for July and August." [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [9/18/19](#)]

HEADLINE: "One Virginia Candidate Has Accepted A Massive Donation." [WVTF, [9/25/19](#)]

Uihlein's Donation Was The Largest In The History Of The Virginia House Of Delegates. In September 2019, conservative blog Bearing Drift reported: "It was the largest donation in the history of the Virginia House of Delegates — half-a-million dollars from a mystery mega-donor deposited into Culpeper Republican Delegate Nick Freitas' war chest. Who was the secret money-bags donor? In March 2018, Politico called billionaire Richard Uihlein 'the biggest Republican mega-donor you've never heard of,' and profiled the man who had been dumping millions into Libertarian campaigns." [Bearing Drift, blog, [9/19/19](#)]

HEADLINE: "Freitas Will Report Getting \$500K From GOP Megadonor, Campaign Says." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/19](#)]

Freitas: "My Vote Is Never For Sale." "I've had people, uh, call me up and when I was in the House of Delegates, and you know they try to entice you or whatnot. My vote is never for sale. And I've proven it by standing up to my own leadership. Because believe me there's been pressure at times by leadership to vote a certain way. And my answer has always been if this violates my principles there's no way I'm going to do it and there's nothing you can threaten me with that will make me do it." [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 41:10, [5/5/20](#)]

Uihlein's Donation To Freitas Was "Raising Eyebrows Across Virginia." In September 2019, WVTF reported: "Running for office isn't cheap, especially when the stakes are as high as they are this year. But one very large campaign contribution is raising eyebrows across Virginia. Wisconsin-based businessman Richard Uihlein is no stranger to Virginia politics. Campaign finance documents show he donated \$160,000 to Republican Ed Gillespie's campaign for governor, and he gave \$32,000 to the Home School Legal Defense Fund. In July, he cut a check for half a million dollars to Republican Delegate Nick Freitas, an amount that Bob Denton at Virginia Tech says is part of a larger trend." [WVTF, [9/25/19](#)]

Uihlein's Donation Gave Freitas A Fighting Chance In His Write-In Campaign

Although Freitas Failed To Qualify For The November Ballot, "The Outside Financial Help Could Help Him Fund A Resource-Intensive [Write-In] Campaign." In September 2019, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported: "Freitas, a libertarian-leaning former Green Beret who has served in the House of Delegates since 2016, failed to qualify for the November ballot due to missed filing deadlines, but the outside financial help could help him fund a resource-intensive outreach campaign explaining how Republican voters can cast their ballots for him." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/19](#)]

Freitas’ Chances To Hold His Seat Were “Bolstered” By The \$500k From Uihlein. In October 2019, the AP reported: “Freitas’ chances of holding on to his seat have been bolstered by a \$500,000 donation from GOP megadonor Richard Uihlein, an Illinois billionaire.” [AP, [10/20/19](#)]

“Freitas’ Campaign Was Greatly Aided By A \$500,000 Donation” From Uihlein, Which “Dissuaded Democrats From Investing A Lot In The Contest.” In November 2019, the Culpeper Star-Exponent reported: “Freitas’ campaign was greatly aided by a \$500,000 donation from GOP megadonor Richard Uihlein, an Illinois billionaire. That dissuaded Democrats from investing a lot in the contest.” [Culpeper Star-Exponent, [11/6/19](#)]

2019-2020: Richard And Liz Uihlein Also Contributed \$8,200 To Freitas’ Congressional Campaign

2019-2020: Richard And Liz Uihlein Contributed A Net Of \$8,200 To Freitas’ Campaign For Congress. [Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [7/15/20](#)]

Uihlein Family Contributions To Freitas Campaigns			
Name	Date	Campaign Type	Contribution Amount
Richard Uihlein	7/15/19	Virginia House of Delegates	\$500,000
Richard Uihlein	12/16/19	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/16/19	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/19/19	Congressional-General	\$2,800
Richard Uihlein	12/19/19	Congressional-Primary	-\$2,800 (Refund)
Elizabeth Uihlein	6/26/20	Congressional-Primary	\$2,800
TOTAL			\$508,200

[Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [7/15/20](#)] [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [7/15/20](#)]

Monarch Air Group, LLC

February 2020: Freitas’ Congressional Campaign Spent \$10,250 For The Services Of Monarch Air Group, LLC, A Private Jet Charter Firm

February 2020: Freitas’ Congressional Campaign Spent \$10,250 For The Services Of Monarch Air Group, LLC. [FEC, accessed [6/11/20](#)]

Spender	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement date	Amount
FRIENDS OF NICK FREITAS INC	MONARCH AIR GROUP LLC	FL	TRAVEL	02/27/2020	\$10,250.00

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[FEC, accessed [6/11/20](#)]

Monarch Air Group, LLC Was A Private Jet Charter Company Based In Fort Lauderdale, FL

According To The Florida Secretary Of State, Monarch Air Group, LLC Was A Florida Corporation Registered At 610 SW 34th Street, Building 3, Suite 307, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315. [Florida Secretary of State, Document # L05000033840, Filed 4/15/19]

2019 FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

DOCUMENT# L05000033840

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Current Principal Place of Business:

610 S.W. 34TH STREET
BUILDING 3 SUITE 307
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33315

Current Mailing Address:

610 S.W. 34TH STREET
BUILDING 3 SUITE 307
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33315 US

FEI Number: 65-1246704

Certificate of Status Desired: No

Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:

GITMAN, GITMAN
610 S.W. 34TH STREET
BUILDING 3 SUITE 307
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33315 US

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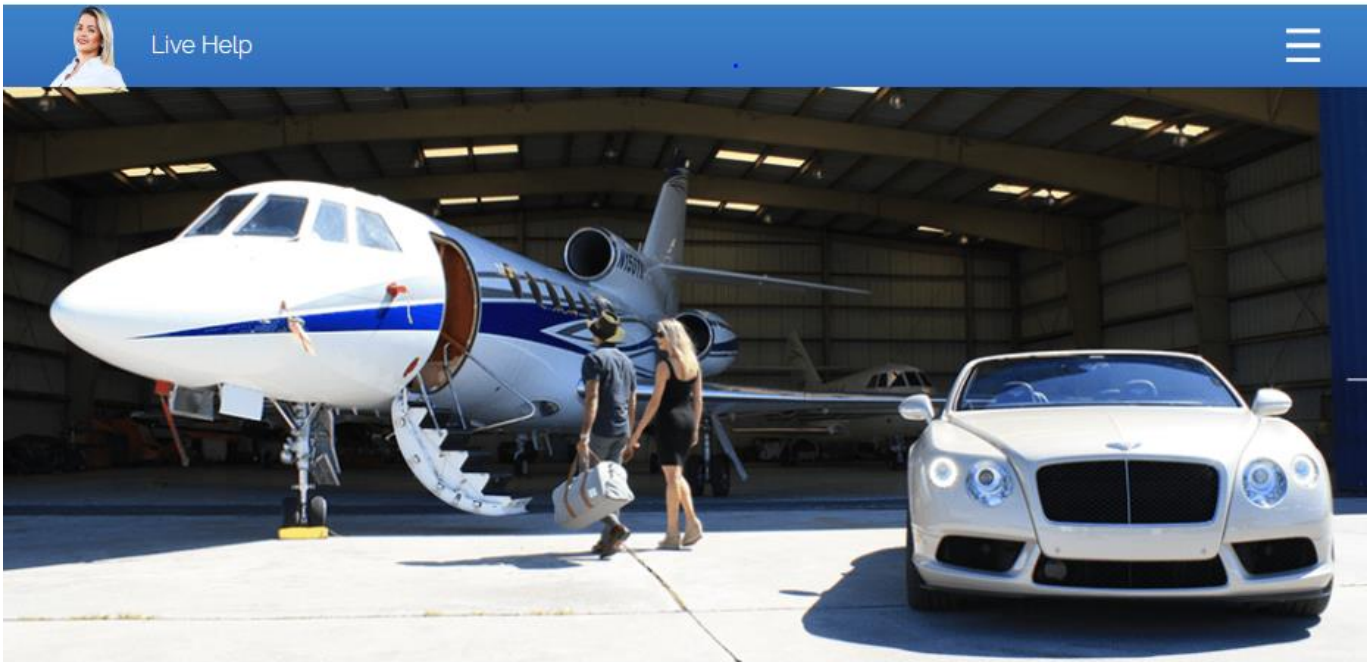
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[Florida Secretary of State, Document # L05000033840, Filed 4/15/19]

Monarch Air Group Was A Private Jet Charter Company. “Monarch Air Group, LLC provides air charter services by utilizing pre-approved vendors across the globe. 24/7 fleet access will comfortably accommodate your travel requirements. The large variety of aircraft available for charter makes sure that all of your needs are cared for. All of the aircraft provided are well maintained and are flown by the most experienced crew. Our private air charter services accommodate different destinations, including New York and Miami.” [Monarch Air Group, LLC, [6/11/20](#)]



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Criminal Rep. Chris Collins Used Monarch Air Group After His Indictment

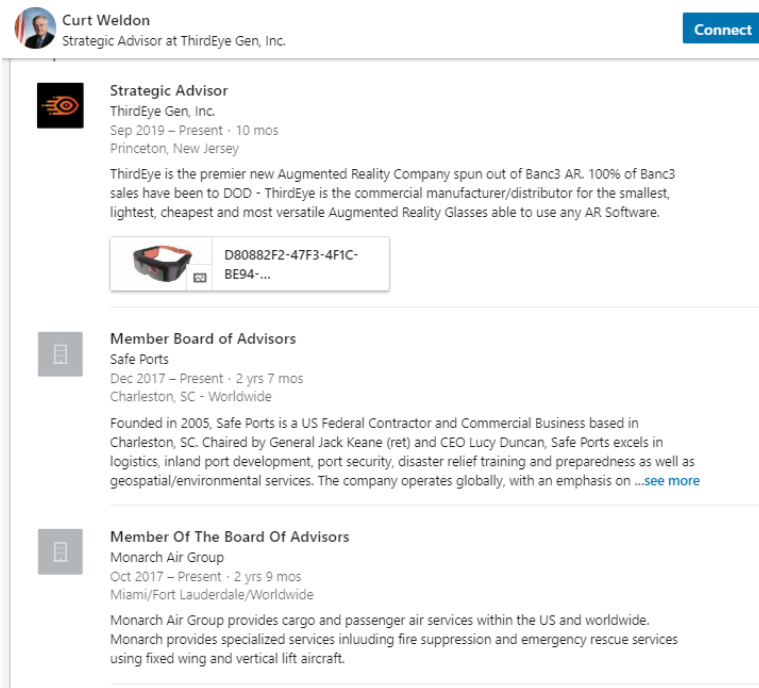
Criminal Chris Collins Used Monarch Air Group After His Indictment. “When Rep. Chris Collins was indicted on federal insider trading charges in August, his re-election campaign spent some big money, according to campaign finance reports filed this week. Collins only raised \$32,755 in the third quarter of 2018, which includes the months of July, August, and September. He raised \$105,790 in the previous quarter. On August 8th, the indictment charging Collins was made public. The campaign finance report shows ‘Collins for Congress’ continued to operate. It filed a disbursement for a fundraising lunch at the Buffalo Brew Pub in Amherst that day. Later on the same day, the campaign paid \$7,895 to Monarch Air Group, a private jet charter company. Natalie Baldassarre, a campaign spokesperson, confirmed Collins used Monarch to fly back to Buffalo after his arraignment.” [WIVB, [10/16/18](#)]

Collins Used The Plane To Fly To Manhattan In Order To Plead Not Guilty In His Insider Trading Case. “The campaign paid nearly \$8,000 to Monarch Air Group on August 8, the same day he was arrested.

That suggests the Congressman charged his campaign contributors for a private plane to fly to and from Manhattan, where he pleaded not guilty to the criminal charges against him. A Collins spokesperson wouldn't explain that expense.” [WGRZ, 10/15/18]

Former Rep. Curt Weldon Sat On The Board Of Monarch Air Group, LLC

2017-Present: Former Rep. Curt Weldon Sat On The Board Of Monarch Air Group, LLC. [Curt Weldon, LinkedIn, accessed [6/4/20](#)]



Curt Weldon
Strategic Advisor at ThirdEye Gen, Inc. Connect

Strategic Advisor
ThirdEye Gen, Inc.
Sep 2019 – Present · 10 mos
Princeton, New Jersey

ThirdEye is the premier new Augmented Reality Company spun out of Banc3 AR. 100% of Banc3 sales have been to DOD - ThirdEye is the commercial manufacturer/distributor for the smallest, lightest, cheapest and most versatile Augmented Reality Glasses able to use any AR Software.

Member Board of Advisors
Safe Ports
Dec 2017 – Present · 2 yrs 7 mos
Charleston, SC - Worldwide

Founded in 2005, Safe Ports is a US Federal Contractor and Commercial Business based in Charleston, SC. Chaired by General Jack Keane (ret) and CEO Lucy Duncan. Safe Ports excels in logistics, inland port development, port security, disaster relief training and preparedness as well as geospatial/environmental services. The company operates globally, with an emphasis on ...[see more](#)

Member Of The Board Of Advisors
Monarch Air Group
Oct 2017 – Present · 2 yrs 9 mos
Miami/Fort Lauderdale/Worldwide

Monarch Air Group provides cargo and passenger air services within the US and worldwide. Monarch provides specialized services including fire suppression and emergency rescue services using fixed wing and vertical lift aircraft.

[Curt Weldon, LinkedIn, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

12/16/19: An Individual Named Peter Weldon Contributed \$2,800 To The Freitas Campaign. [FEC, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

Contributor name	Recipient	Receipt date	Amount
WELDON, PETER	FRIENDS OF NICK FREITAS INC	12/16/2019	\$2,700.00
WELDON, PETER	FRIENDS OF NICK FREITAS INC	12/16/2019	\$100.00

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[FEC, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

NOTE: The relationship between Curt Weldon and Peter Weldon was unable to be verified.

Monarch Air Group Spokesman David Gitman Talked About Maintaining Secrecy

Monarch Air Group Spokesman David Gitman Talked About Maintaining Secrecy. “Ok, we know we can track an aircraft. Is there a way you can block a private jet from being tracked? “Although that’s a popular question these days, our regular clients have known about this for a decade or so. There are ways you can block an aircraft, but only one will work entirely”, says David Gitman, President for private charter company Monarch Air Group. Firstly, you can opt to block a plane at the internet level. This works by asking the FAA to stop sending the fee to

the website tracker. It's on them now to actually erase you from the grid. Not convinced? The FAA will stop sending the live air traffic data if websites don't keep their part of the deal and block the tail number. From an operations department standpoint, you will still be able to track that aircraft and some FBOs will be able to follow the jet until its arrival." [Travel Daily News, [6/12/19](#)]

Gitman Suggested Further Measures To Maintain Secrecy. "Truth to be told, there are two decent ways to block tracking, at the internet and FAA level, but only one way to secure absolute privacy. It's a simple method that does not require technology, just trusting your private jet charter provider. 'The only way to really go unnoticed is using a charter aircraft that regularly flies different people. Why? Because it's not part of a fleet with fixed tail numbers nor it belongs to a corporation that has a permanent rotation of jets. You can even charter a different jet for your return flight to keep all those observers hesitant,' states Gitman from Monarch Air Group." [Travel Daily News, [6/12/19](#)]

Monarch Air In Addison, TX Was Not The Same As Monarch Air Group, LLC In Fort Lauderdale, FL

Monarch Air Group, LLC Was A Florida Corporation Registered At 610 S. 34th Street, Building 3, Suite 307, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315. [Florida Division of Corporations, [6/4/20](#)]



Mercury Jets Was The Private Charter Division Of Monarch Air Group, LLC. "Mercury Jets is the private charter division of Monarch Air Group. All of our officers are trained and weathered jet and turboprop operators that excel in customer service. Mercury Jets officers utilize only the safest aircraft for your travel needs." [Mercury Jets, [6/4/20](#)]

Monarch Air Group Advertised Flights To Moscow

Monarch Air Group Featured Flights To Moscow On Their Website. "Monarch Air Group provides private jet charter flights in and out of Moscow, Russia. Moscow is among busiest cities for large VIP jet rentals going to Asia, Europe, Canada and North America. It's served by Sheremetyevo International Airport (SVO), Domodedovo International Airport (DME) and Vnukovo International Airport (VKO). Vnukovo International Airport (VKO) is one of the busiest private jet airports in the world." [Monarch Air Group, [6/4/20](#)]

Monarch Air Group Maintained A Russian Language Version Of Their Twitter Account. [Monarch Air Group Russia, Twitter, accessed [6/4/20](#)]

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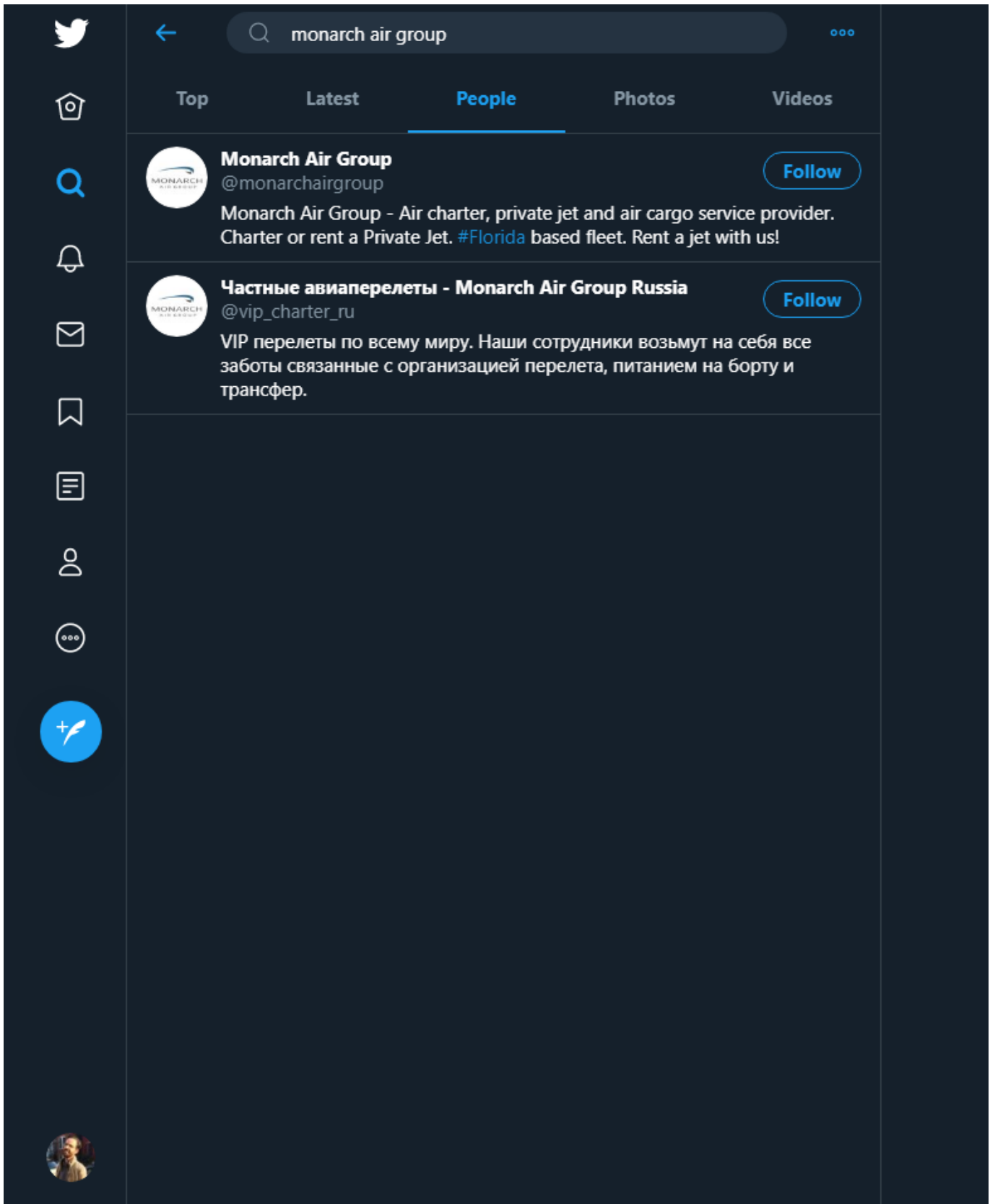
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Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

NOTE: As of June 2020, there was not yet any paid media for Nick Freitas during the 2020 cycle. This section will be updated once paid media content emerges.

Appendix IV – Bill Sponsorships And Co-Sponsorships

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Freitas Sponsorship Toplines		
Session	# of Sponsorships	# Became Law
2020 Session	45	17
2019 Session	36	13
TOTAL	81	30

[VPAP, accessed [6/25/20](#)]

NOTE: Table updated as of 6/25/20.

Virginia General Assembly – 2020 Session

NOTE: Updated as of 6/25/20.

Freitas Sponsored 45 Bills And Resolutions, 17 Of Which Became Law

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All But One Of Freitas' Sponsored Bills Were Resolutions Commending Veterans And Other Notables.

[VPAP, accessed [6/25/20](#)]

Freitas 2020 Chief Patron Legislation			
Bill Number	Bill Name	Summary	Status
HB224	Carrying a concealed handgun; permit not required.	Allows any person who is otherwise eligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun without a permit anywhere he may lawfully carry a handgun openly within the Commonwealth.	Killed
HB225	Forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of crimes; finding of guilt required.	Requires that any action for the forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of a crime be stayed until the person whose property is the subject of the forfeiture action has been found guilty of the crime authorizing the forfeiture, regardless of whether he has been sentenced. The bill provides that property may be forfeited even though no finding of guilt is made if (i) the forfeiture is ordered by the court pursuant to a plea agreement or (ii) the owner has not submitted a written demand for the return of the property within 21 days from the date the stay terminates. This bill was incorporated into HB 1522.	Incorporated into HB 1522; Signed into Law
HB226	Students who receive home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs.	Prohibits public schools from joining an organization governing interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who (i) receives home instruction; (ii) has demonstrated evidence of progress for two consecutive academic years; (iii) is in compliance with immunization requirements; (iv) is entitled to free tuition in a public school; (v) has not reached the age of 19 by August 1 of the current academic year; (vi) is an amateur who receives no compensation but participates solely for the educational, physical, mental, and social benefits of the activity; (vii)	Killed

		<p>complies with all disciplinary rules and is subject to all codes of conduct applicable to all public high school athletes; and (viii) complies with all other rules governing awards, all-star games, maximum consecutive semesters of high school enrollment, parental consents, physical examinations, and transfers applicable to all high school athletes. The bill provides that no local school board is required to establish a policy to permit students who receive home instruction to participate in interscholastic programs. The bill permits reasonable fees to be charged to students who receive home instruction to cover the costs of participation in such interscholastic programs, including the costs of additional insurance, uniforms, and equipment. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2025.</p>	
HB227	<p>Abortion; born alive human infant, treatment and care, penalty.</p>	<p>Requires every physician licensed by the Board of Medicine who attempts to terminate a pregnancy to (i) exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of a human infant who has been born alive following such attempt as a reasonably diligent and conscientious health care practitioner would render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age and (ii) take all reasonable steps to ensure the immediate transfer of the human infant who has been born alive to a hospital for further medical care. A physician who fails to comply with the requirements of this act is guilty of a Class 4 felony and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Medicine.</p> <p>The bill also requires every hospital licensed by the Department of Health to establish a protocol for the treatment and care of a human infant who has been born alive following performance of an abortion and for the immediate reporting to law enforcement of any failure to provide such required treatment and care.</p>	<p>Killed</p>
HB228	<p>Higher educational institutions; students & student organizations, remedies for certain violations.</p>	<p>Permits any student or student organization aggrieved by a violation of certain provisions of law relating to campus free speech by a public institution of higher education or any employee of such institution acting in his official capacity to (i) bring a cause of action against such institution or employee for appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, monetary damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs; (ii) assert such violation as a defense or counterclaim in any disciplinary action or civil or administrative proceeding brought against such student or student organization; and (iii) pursue any other remedy available to such student or student organization.</p>	<p>Killed</p>
HB229	<p>Higher educational institutions, public; per student enrollment-based funding, noncredit workforce.</p>	<p>Requires the per student enrollment-based funding provided to public institutions of higher education to include funding for each Virginia student enrolled in a noncredit workforce training program. Under current law, per student enrollment-based funding follows each Virginia undergraduate student.</p>	<p>Deferred to 2021 Session</p>

HB230	Income tax, state and corporate; tax credit for employers of National Guard members.	Provides for taxable years 2020 through 2024 a nonrefundable tax credit against individual and corporate income taxes for (i) wages paid by an employer to an employee who is a Virginia National Guard member or (ii) income of a self-employed National Guard member attributable to his business. The amount of the credit shall be 25 percent if such member was in a military pay status for 65 days or more during such taxable year or 15 percent if such member was in a military pay status for 45 days or more during such taxable year. The credit shall not be allowed if such member was in a military pay status for less than 45 days during such taxable year.	Incorporated into HB 1620; Deferred to 2021 Session
HB231	Children with disabilities; alternative placements, state funds.	Requires the parent of any child with a disability who is placed in a public school pursuant to his individualized education program who subsequently places his child in a nonpublic school setting to receive from the school board, upon request, the applicable Standards of Quality per pupil state funds appropriated for public school purposes and apportioned to the school division, including the per pupil share of state sales tax funding in basic aid and any state per pupil share of special education funding for which the child is eligible, to pay for tuition and fees associated with such nonpublic school setting, subject to such rules, regulations, or procedures as the Department of Education may establish. The bill requires each such parent to submit annually to the division superintendent an evaluation or assessment that indicates that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress.	Killed
HB601	Administrative Process Act; review of occupational regulations.	Creates a procedure by which a person may petition an agency to review whether an existing occupational regulation is necessary for the protection or preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the public and meets other statutorily enumerated criteria. The bill also creates a cause of action whereby any person who is adversely affected or aggrieved by an occupational regulation that such person believes is not necessary for the protection or preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the public or does not meet other statutorily enumerated criteria may seek judicial review of such regulation. The bill provides that the burden of proof shall be upon the party complaining of the occupational regulation to demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the challenged occupational regulation on its face or in its effect burdens the entry into or participation in an occupation and, thereafter, the burden shall be upon the agency to demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the challenged occupational regulation is necessary to protect or preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the public and complies with certain other statutorily enumerated requirements. The bill provides that if the court finds in favor of the party complaining of the agency action, the court shall declare the regulation null and void.	Killed

HB602	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; scholastic records, charges.	Provides that, upon request, scholastic records shall be furnished electronically once per academic quarter and physically once per academic year at no charge to the student who is the subject thereof or the student's parent or legal guardian.	Deferred to 2021 Session
HB603	Medical Assistance Services, Board of; reimbursement for services, family members.	Directs the Board of Medical Assistance Services to revise its regulations governing reimbursement for individuals receiving treatment under the state plan for medical assistance and any waivers thereto to allow reimbursement of family members, including spouses, who provide qualifying services.	Deferred to 2021 Session
HB604	Virginia National Guard; member benefits, health savings accounts.	Provides that a member of the Virginia National Guard may elect to receive, in lieu of any tuition assistance grants, a matching contribution from the state to a health savings account. The Department of Military Affairs shall establish a health savings account for any member who elects to receive this benefit. The matching contribution shall equal the member's contribution up to the maximum amount allowable by federal law. In order to qualify, a member must (i) have a minimum remaining obligation of two years, (ii) have satisfactorily completed required initial active duty service, (iii) be satisfactorily performing duty in accordance with regulations of the National Guard, and (iv) be eligible for such an account under federal law. The bill also provides that in the event that a member ceases to be eligible for a health savings account, by reason of being called to active duty military service or otherwise, all contributions from the state shall stop and the Department of Military Affairs shall provide notice to the member of the loss of eligibility.	Killed
HB866	Administrative Process Act; regulations, public notice and economic impact.	Requires that an agency prepare a detailed notice of intended regulatory action for any regulation that it plans to promulgate. Prior to publication of the notice with the Registrar of Regulations, the notice of intended regulatory action must be submitted to the Attorney General for a determination as to whether the agency has the explicit authority to promulgate the regulation as proposed in the notice of intended regulatory action. The Attorney General must report the notice of intended regulatory action and its determination to the Governor who may approve the notice of intended regulatory action. Within 10 days after publication by the Registrar of a notice of intended regulatory action for a proposed regulation, either the chairman or vice-chairman of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules may submit a written directive to the agency that prepared the notice for the agency to hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period on the notice of intended regulatory action. The bill prescribes requirements for the conduct of such public hearings on regulatory matters. The bill requires the Department of Planning and Budget to prepare an economic impact analysis of the proposed regulation that includes a qualitative analysis of the regulation and a detailed quantitative analysis of the impact of the regulation which must include the	Killed

		<p>implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to the businesses, localities, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed regulation. The Department of Planning and Budget must also provide a determination as to whether \$10 million or more in implementation and compliance costs are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, localities, and individuals over any two-year period as a result of the proposed regulation. After the Department of Planning and Budget submits an economic impact analysis for a proposed regulation to the legislature but before the agency submits the proposed regulation for final approval by the Governor, the chairman or vice-chairman of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules may request an independent economic impact analysis to be prepared by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission for the proposed regulation. The Department of Planning and Budget is required to provide a detailed explanation of any variance between estimates in the two economic impact analyses. If either economic impact analysis indicates \$10 million or more in implementation and compliance costs, the agency proposing the regulation must stop work on the proposed regulation until the regulation is modified to reduce its costs to below the \$10 million threshold, or a bill is enacted explicitly allowing the regulation to proceed.</p>	
HB867	<p>Victims of domestic violence; shelters may be established.</p>	<p>Provides that a shelter for victims of domestic violence may be established for the purpose of providing services to individuals of a single sex and may exclude individuals who are not of that sex from the registered shelter.</p>	<p>Killed</p>
HB1504	<p>Corporate notes; investment of funds.</p>	<p>Provides for investment of funds in corporate notes by public bodies.</p>	<p>Killed</p>
HB1692	<p>Police and court records; expungement of records for misdemeanor and nonviolent felony convictions.</p>	<p>Allows a person convicted of a misdemeanor or nonviolent felony to file a petition requesting expungement of the police and court records relating to the conviction if (i) the offense involved no victim; (ii) such person has been free from any term of incarceration, probation, and postrelease supervision imposed as a result of such conviction for at least two years for a misdemeanor offense or at least five years for a felony offense; (iii) such person has no prior or subsequent convictions other than traffic infractions; and (iv) such person has no pending criminal proceeding.</p>	<p>Deferred to 2021 Session</p>
HB1718	<p>Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force; state active duty for emergency response.</p>	<p>Establishes rates of pay and allowances for members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force.</p>	<p>Killed</p>
HJ6	<p>Celebrating the life of Sergeant First Class Dae Han Park, USA.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Killed</p>
HJ7	<p>Celebrating the life of Master Sergeant Sae Jin Park-Schneider, USA.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Killed</p>

HJ124	Commending The Inn at Willow Grove.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HJ164	Commending Old House Vineyards.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HJ259	Celebrating the life of Francis Holden.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HJ260	Commending Dr. Walter E. Williams.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HJ314	Celebrating the life of Judith P. Carter.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HJ315	Celebrating the life of Henry Lee Carter.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HJ322	Commending Chief Warrant Officer 5 William R. Halevy, USA, Ret.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HJ336	Celebrating the life of William Robert Campbell, Jr.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HR8	Commemorating the life and legacy of Peter Francisco.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HR34	Celebrating the life of Helen Reddy Blackwell.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HR36	Commending Lindy Dimeo.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HR37	Commending Thomas Sowell.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HR92	Celebrating the life of Sergeant First Class Travis Wayne Glover, VANG, Ret.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HR93	Celebrating the life of Michael Thompson, Sr.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HR148	Celebrating the life of Master Sergeant Sae Jin Park-Schneider, USA.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate
HR149	Celebrating the life of Sergeant First Class Dae Han Park, USA.	N/A	Adopted by Voice Vote In House and Senate

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Freitas Co-Sponsored 56 Pieces Of Legislation 30 Of Which Became Law

Freitas Chief Co-Patron 2020 Legislation			
Bill Number	Bill Name	Summary	Status

HB 1522	Forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of crimes; finding of guilt required	Requires that any action for the forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of a crime be stayed until the person whose property is the subject of the forfeiture action has been found guilty of the crime authorizing the forfeiture, regardless of whether he has been sentenced. The bill provides that property may be forfeited even though no finding of guilt is made if (i) the forfeiture is ordered by the court pursuant to a plea agreement or (ii) the owner has not submitted a written demand for the return of the property within 21 days from the date the stay terminates.	Signed into Law
HB 1566	Industrial hemp; maximum THC concentration	Increases, in the definition of “industrial hemp,” the maximum concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in the plant Cannabis sativa from 0.3 percent to one percent. The bill also includes in the definition of “hemp product” the raw materials of any part of the plant Cannabis sativa and eliminates the requirement that the product be otherwise lawful.	Deferred to 2021 session
HB 1620	Income tax, state and corporate; tax credit for employers of National Guard members	Allows a tax credit for employers of National Guard members and self-employed National Guard members.	Deferred to 2021 session

[Virginia Legislative Information System, accessed [2/25/20](#)]

Freitas Co-Patron 2020 Legislation			
Bill Number	Bill Name	Summary	Status
HB50	Police and court records; expungement of records if granted a simple pardon for the crime.	Allows a person to petition for the expungement of the police and court records relating to such person’s conviction if he has been granted a simple pardon for the crime. Under current law, police and court records relating to convictions are only expunged if a person received an absolute pardon for a crime he did not commit.	Deferred to 2021 session
HB158	Income tax, state; deduction for primary and secondary school tuition or home instruction expenses.	Provides an income tax deduction beginning in taxable year 2020 for education expenses incurred by the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18. Qualifying education expenses for the deduction are defined in the bill as tuition for a primary or secondary school in the Commonwealth, or expenses directly related to the home instruction of children.	Died in committee
HB182	General Assembly; streaming and recording of meetings.	Requires the Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate to ensure that every (i) subcommittee or committee meeting of a standing committee of the General Assembly, regardless of meeting date, and (ii) floor session of the House of Delegates or the Senate, including any joint session of the houses, is streamed with closed captioning, recorded and archived. The bill defines “stream” and specifies that a qualifying meeting is one the date and time of which have been scheduled on a public website of any agency of the General Assembly for at least one hour prior to the meeting and that takes place in the State Capitol, the Pocahontas Building, or the General Assembly Building in Richmond. The bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2020.	Deferred to 2021 session

HB626	Opioids; prescribing, required patient disclosures.	Requires prescribers to discuss with a patient or the patient’s parent or guardian prior to prescribing an opioid information regarding the prescribed opioid, including the risks of addiction and overdose associated with opioids; the dangers of taking opioids with alcohol, benzodiazepines, and other central nervous system depressants; the reasons why the prescription is necessary; and alternative treatments that may be available. The bill also requires the prescriber to include a notation in the patient’s medical record indicating that these required patient disclosures were discussed.	Died in committee
HB642	Transportation funding; statewide prioritization process.	Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board, when administering SMART SCALE, to ensure that projects are evaluated for district grant program funds and high-priority funds separately, and that the projects selected in one program do not impact the other program. The bill requires the Board to weight congestion mitigation at at least 55 percent in the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads highway construction districts. The bill requires that projects eligible for district grant program funds receive a district-specific score and an overall score.	Died in committee
HB678	Parental Choice Education Savings Accounts; established, report.	Permits the parents of certain children to apply to the school division in which the child resides for a one-year, renewable Parental Choice Education Savings Account that consists of an amount that is equivalent to a certain percentage of all applicable annual Standards of Quality per pupil state funds appropriated for public school purposes and apportioned to the resident school division in which the student resides, including the per pupil share of state sales tax funding in basic aid and any state per pupil share of special education funding for which the student is eligible. The bill permits the parent to use the moneys in such account for certain education-related expenses of the student, including tuition, deposits, fees, and required textbooks at a private elementary school or secondary school that is located in the Commonwealth. The bill also contains provisions relating to auditing, rescinding, and reviewing expenses made from such accounts	Died in committee
HB766	Income tax, state; subtractions for volunteer firefighters, etc.	Provides a state income tax subtraction of \$20 per hour, up to a maximum of 300 hours per taxable year, for bona fide volunteers who perform qualifying services, defined in the bill as volunteer firefighting and fire prevention services, emergency medical services, ambulance services, emergency rescue services, and all training and training-related activities required by law.	Died in committee
HB934	Firearms, certain; possession, purchase, etc., in certain localities.	Allows a person to lawfully possess, purchase, or transport a firearm or firearms magazine that he would otherwise be lawfully permitted to possess, purchase, or transport on January 1, 2020, while he is in a locality that has adopted or enforced any ordinance, resolution, or motion that declares such locality a sanctuary for Second Amendment rights. The bill also provides that no funds payable by the Commonwealth to a locality for any and all purposes shall be withheld from a locality	Died in committee

		solely on the basis of such locality adopting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, or motion that declares such locality a sanctuary for Second Amendment rights.	
HB1106	Health insurance program for local government employees; transit companies.	Adds employees of a transit company to the definition of “employees of local governments” for the purposes of the Commonwealth’s health insurance program for local government employees. The bill defines “transit company” as a public service corporation wholly owned by a locality, or combination of localities, that provides public transportation services.	Signed into law
HB1253	Virginia Defense Force; maximum age for recruitment.	Permits the Adjutant General of Virginia to recruit members to the Virginia Defense Force who are between the ages of 65 and 75. Under current law, the Adjutant General is only permitted to retain existing members of the Virginia Defense Force once they have attained the age of 65.	Signed into law
HB1270	Historic Triangle; state sales and use tax.	Repeals the additional state sales tax imposed in the Historic Triangle on July 1, 2026, unless the tax is affirmed by voters in a referendum held in the City of Williamsburg and the Counties of James City and York.	Died in committee
HB1551	Abortion; fetal dismemberment prohibited.	Prohibits a person licensed by the Board of Medicine to practice medicine from performing an abortion that involves dismemberment of a fetus.	Died in committee
HB1648	Correctional facilities, state; treatment of prisoners known to be pregnant.	Provides for rules and regulations regarding the treatment, control, and education of prisoners known to be pregnant and prisoners who are primary caretakers of minor children in state correctional facilities. The bill requires the Department of Corrections to include in the training it provides for state correctional officers and juvenile correctional officers who may have contact with pregnant inmates training on the general care of pregnant women and the impact of restraints, restrictive housing or solitary confinement, and body cavity searches on such inmates. The bill requires the Director of the Department of Corrections, after accounting for safety, security, and operational factors, to place prisoners who are known primary caretakers of minor children in a facility as close as possible to such children. The bill also requires correctional officers, when (i) contact is required between such officer and an inmate, (ii) the inmate is required to disrobe, and (iii) the officer is not the same gender as the inmate, to submit a written report to the official in charge of the state or local correctional facility within 72 hours following the incident containing the justification for the suspension of the requirement that such incident occur only during the period of a declared emergency. The bill further authorizes the Director of the Department of Corrections to prescribe reasonable rules regarding visitation that include authorization of visitation by minor dependents of prisoners who are primary caretakers of minor children with Level 1 or Level 2 security classifications.	Signed into law

HJ4	Celebrating the life of Alan Arnold Diamonstein.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House and Senate
HJ108	Year of the Eye Exam; designating 2020 as The Year of the Eye Exam.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House and Senate
HJ162	Commending the Division of Capitol Police.	N/A	Agreed to by House, deferred in Senate
HJ195	Commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Robert Russa Moton.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House and Senate
HJ233	Commending Bud Foster.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House and Senate
HJ318	Commending Germanna Community College.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House and Senate
HJ454	Celebrating the life of Maria Bonazzoli Bourne.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House and Senate
HR60	Commending the Loudoun Hunt.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House
HR90	Commending Brigadier General Creighton W. Abrams III, USA, Ret.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House
HR122	Commending the Honorable Rosalyn Randolph Dance.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House
HR151	Commemorating the life and legacy of Boaz Fleming.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House
HR173	Commending Rosa B. Price.	N/A	Agreed to by voice vote in House
HR190	Celebrating the life of Lorine Bernice Allen Jordan.	N/A	Agreed to by House
SB457	Income tax, state and corporate; tax credit for employers of National Guard members.	Provides for taxable years 2020 through 2024 a nonrefundable tax credit against individual and corporate income taxes for (i) wages paid by an employer to an employee who is an active or reserve Virginia National Guard member or (ii) income of a self-employed active or reserve Virginia National Guard member attributable to his business. The amount of the credit shall be 25 percent if such member was in a military pay status for 65 days or more during such taxable year or 15 percent if such member was in a military pay status for at least 45 days but less than 65 days during such taxable year. The credit shall not be allowed if such member was in a military pay status for less than 45 days during such taxable year. The bill allows a taxpayer to carry unused credits over for up to five taxable years.	Deferred to 2021 Session
SB462	Higher educational institutions, public; in-state tuition, children of active duty service members.	Provides that any child of an active duty member or veteran who claims Virginia as his home state and filed Virginia tax returns for at least 10 years during active duty service is eligible for in-state tuition charges, regardless of domicile.	Signed into law

SB499	Specialty dockets; veterans docket.	Provides that any veterans docket authorized and established as a local specialty docket in accordance with the Rules of Supreme Court of Virginia shall be deemed a “Veterans Treatment Court Program,” as that term is used under federal law or by any other entity, for the purposes of applying for, qualifying for, or receiving any federal grants, other federal money, or money from any other entity designated to assist or fund such state programs. The bill contains an emergency clause.	Signed into law
SB753	Virginia National Guard; state active duty for emergency response.	Provides that whenever called to state active duty in response to certain emergencies, members of the National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force receive pay and allowance equal to their rank and years of service, as determined by the Department of Military Affairs. The bill also authorizes the Adjutant General to increase state active duty pay on an annual basis by a rate not to exceed the most recent percentage increase in basic pay for members of the Armed Forces. Current law provides that (i) officers of the National Guard receive the same pay and allowances as prescribed for members of like rank in the United States Armed Forces, (ii) members of the National Guard receive the same pay and allowances as if they were on a day of Annual Training, and (iii) members of the Virginia Defense Force called to state active duty receive the same pay and allowances as persons of like grade in the National Guard for a day of Annual Training, capped at 25 years of service.	Signed into law
SB1005	CPL Ryan C. McGhee Memorial Bridge; bridge over I-95.	Designates the bridge on Guinea Station Road over Interstate 95 in Spotsylvania County the CPL Ryan C. McGhee Memorial Bridge.	Signed into law
SJ20	Celebrating the life of Dorcas Ruth Hardy.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House
SJ21	Commending Mission BBQ.	N/A	Stricken from Senate docket
SJ36	Military-overseas ballots; electronic return of voted ballots, report.	Requests the Secretary of Administration to oversee and develop a charter and directives for the State Board of Elections to form a working group to study implementation of electronic return of voted military-overseas ballots. In conducting its study, the State Board of Elections with the working group shall study and develop initial instructions and procedures that (i) consider issues related to accessibility, auditability, authentication, verification, and security through encryption, in order to ensure that any process implemented would guarantee the accuracy and integrity of voted military-overseas ballots, and (ii) recommend (a) security measures necessary to reasonably secure the transmission, processing, and storage of voter data from interception and unauthorized access; (b) methods for verifying and authenticating the identity of the voter electronically when registering to vote and when requesting a ballot from and returning a ballot to the voter’s jurisdiction; (c) methods for the encryption of voted ballots; and (d) a procedure for security reviews	Deferred

		after an election. The study shall focus on implementation of electronic return of voted military-overseas ballots first as a limited pilot program in 2021, and later on a statewide basis.	
SJ62	Commending the Washington Nationals.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House
SJ76	Commending Mission BBQ.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House
SJ82	Commending the Garden Club of Virginia.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House
SJ88	Celebrating the life of the Honorable Gerald L. Baliles.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House
SJ91	Commending John F. Reinhart.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House
SJ165	Celebrating the life of Officer Katherine Mary Thyne.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House
SJ196	Celebrating the life of Corporal Ryan C. McGhee, USA.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House
SJ258	Celebrating the life of the Honorable Charles Henry Duff, Jr.	N/A	Agreed to by Senate and House

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Virginia General Assembly – 2019 Session

NOTE: Updated as of 6/25/20.

Freitas Sponsored 36 Pieces Of Legislation, 13 Of Which Became Law

Freitas Sponsored 36 Bills In The 2019 Session Of The General Assembly, 13 Of Which Became Law.

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All But Two Of Freitas' Sponsored Bills That Passed Were Resolutions Commending Veterans And Other Notables. [VPAP, accessed [6/25/20](#)]

Freitas 2019 Chief Patron Legislation			
Bill Number	Bill Name	Summary	Status
HB2096	Forfeiture of property used in connection with commission of crimes; finding of guilt required.	Requires that any action for the forfeiture of property used in connection with the commission of a crime be stayed until the person whose property is the subject of the forfeiture action has been found guilty of the crime authorizing the forfeiture, regardless of whether he has been sentenced. The bill provides that property may be forfeited even though no finding of guilt is made if (i) the forfeiture is ordered by the court pursuant to a plea agreement or (ii) the owner has not submitted a written demand for the return of the property within 21 days from the date the stay terminates.	Killed

HB2097	Elections for certain offices, ranked choice voting, pilot program.	Provides that elections for local and constitutional offices may be conducted by ranked choice voting, which the bill describes as the method of casting and tabulating votes in which (i) voters rank candidates in order of preference, (ii) tabulation proceeds in rounds in each of which either a candidate or candidates are elected or the last-place candidate is defeated, and (iii) tabulation ends when the number of candidates elected equals the number of offices to be filled. The provisions of the bill expire on July 1, 2024.	Killed
HB2098	Federal electronic logging device regulations; use of state funds prohibited.	Prohibits the expenditure of state funds for the purpose of enforcing federal regulations related to electronic logging devices against a motor vehicle transporting nonhazardous materials for farm purposes intrastate.	Killed
HB2099	Professions and occupations; deregulation of certain professions.	Implements the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in its report on Operations and Performance of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation by deregulating opticians, residential energy analysts, and common interest community managers. The bill also reorganizes provisions of the Code relating to the Common Interest Community Board to account for the removal of regulatory authority over common interest community managers.	Killed
HB2100	Natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians; removal of certification requirement.	Removes the certification requirement for, and associated regulatory authority over, the occupation of natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians by the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.	Killed
HB2101	Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of; deregulation of certain practice.	Eliminates licensure requirements for landscape architects, soil scientists, and waste management facility operators. The bill contains technical amendments.	Killed
HB2102	Students who receive home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs.	Prohibits public schools from joining an organization governing interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who (i) receives home instruction; (ii) has demonstrated evidence of progress for two consecutive academic years; (iii) is in compliance with immunization requirements; (iv) is entitled to free tuition in a public school; (v) has not reached the age of 19 by August 1 of the current academic year; (vi) is an amateur who receives no compensation but participates solely for the educational, physical, mental, and social benefits of the activity; (vii) complies with all disciplinary rules and is subject to all codes of conduct applicable to all public high school athletes; and (viii) complies with all other rules governing awards, all-star games, maximum consecutive semesters of high school enrollment, parental consents, physical examinations, and transfers applicable to all high school athletes. The bill provides that no local school board is required to establish a policy to permit students who receive home instruction to participate in interscholastic programs. The bill permits reasonable fees to be charged to students who receive home	Killed

		instruction to cover the costs of participation in such interscholastic programs, including the costs of additional insurance, uniforms, and equipment. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2024.	
HB2103	Stormwater management plans; erosion and sediment control plans, portion of project.	Directs the State Water Control Board to establish a procedure that allows an operator to submit stormwater management plans that are sufficient for a particular proposed land-disturbing activity without requiring such plans to cover any subsequent land-disturbing activity anticipated at the same location or an adjacent location. The bill also amends a provision of the law that is not yet effective, directing the establishment of the same procedure as it applies not only to stormwater management plans but also to erosion and sediment control plans.	Killed
HB2110	Income tax, state; advances conformity of the Commonwealth's tax code with the federal tax code.	<p>Advances conformity of the Commonwealth's tax code with the federal tax code to December 31, 2018, starting with taxable year 2018. The bill increases, starting with taxable year 2019, the amount of the standard deduction (i) from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for an individual or for married persons filing separately and (ii) from \$6,000 to \$12,000 for married persons filing jointly. Starting in 2020, the bill adjusts Virginia's standard deduction by the percentage increase in the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) for the previous taxable year. In taxable year 2026, the standard deduction would return to \$3,000 for an individual or a married person filing jointly and \$6,000 for married persons filing jointly, coincident with the expiration of the individual income tax provisions of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Beginning in taxable year 2020, the individual tax brackets and the personal deductions will also be adjusted by the percentage increase of the C-CPI-U for the previous taxable year.</p> <p>The bill reduces the corporate income tax from its current rate of six percent to five and one-half percent in 2018 and to five percent in 2019 and subsequent years. The bill provides that any additional revenues generated by the TCJA, beyond those revenues necessary to offset the reduction in revenues resulting from the provisions of the bill, shall be transferred to the Tax Policy Fund, created by the bill, to be used to provide tax reform to Virginia taxpayers starting in fiscal year 2020. The bill contains an emergency clause.</p>	Killed
HB2346	Industrial hemp; expands existing registration program.	Expands the existing industrial hemp registration program to include a person growing or processing industrial hemp for any purpose. The bill expands the existing definition of "hemp product," redefines "industrial hemp" to include any part of the plant <i>Cannabis sativa L.</i> with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis, and excludes from the definition of marijuana any industrial hemp as so defined.	Killed
HB2608	Income taxes, state and corporate; tax credit for	Provides for taxable years 2019 through 2023 a nonrefundable tax credit against individual and corporate income taxes for (i) wages paid by an	Killed

	employers of National Guard members.	employer to an employee who is a Virginia National Guard member or (ii) income of a self-employed National Guard member attributable to his business. The amount of the credit shall be 25 percent if such member was in a military pay status for 65 days or more during such taxable year or 15 percent if such member was in a military pay status for 45 days or more during such taxable year. The credit shall not be allowed if such member was in a military pay status for less than 45 days during such taxable year The bill allows a taxpayer to carry unused credits over for up to five taxable years.	
HB2628	Military families; relocation to the Commonwealth, student registration for courses, etc.	Permits any student whose parent has received orders to relocate to a duty station in the Commonwealth to register for courses and other academic programs and participate in the lottery process for charter schools and college partnership laboratory schools in the school division in which such student will reside at the same time and in the same manner as students who reside in the local school division. The bill requires each such student to provide to the school board proof of residency in the local school division no later than 10 days after his parent establishes such residency.	Killed
HB2674	Certificates; notice of filing or recordation.	Clarifies that the Commissioner of Highways will give notice to the owner of a freehold that any certificate will be filed or recorded. Current law references only certificates of deposit. This bill is identical to SB 1700.	Signed into Law
HB2703	Alcoholic beverage control; distiller licensees, commissions and fees.	Requires the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to pay a licensed distiller a commission of 25 percent of the retail price of any spirits sold by the distiller at a government store on his licensed premises. The bill provides that monthly revenue transfers resulting from such sales (i) may be submitted electronically and through other methods approved by the Board and (ii) shall be limited to the amount due to the Board in applicable taxes and markups. The bill prohibits the Board from (a) imposing a markup on spirits sold during an organized tasting event, provided that such spirits are manufactured on the licensed premises or on contiguous premises of the licensed distillery conducting such tasting event, or (b) charging a case fee for moving spirits to the tasting area of a government store established on the premises of a licensed distillery when such spirits are moved by employees of the licensed distiller.	Killed
HB2721	School security officers; employment, law-enforcement officers previously employed by the U.S.	Allows a school security officer to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties if, within 10 years immediately prior to being hired by the local school board, he was employed by a law-enforcement agency of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof and his duties were substantially similar to those of a law-enforcement officer in the Commonwealth. Under current law, only a school security officer who was an active law-enforcement officer in the Commonwealth within 10 years immediately prior to being hired by the local school board may qualify to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties. The bill	Signed into Law

		also provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services' duty to establish minimum training standards and other requirements for school security officers includes establishing minimum training standards and requirements for school security officers previously employed by a law-enforcement agency of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof.	
HJ645	JLARC; impact of Medicaid expansion in the Commonwealth, report.	Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the impact of Medicaid expansion in the Commonwealth. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall complete its two-year study by November 30, 2020, and shall submit an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year.	Killed
HJ696	Celebrating the life of William Brinker Inskeep.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ753	Commending the Reverend Alphonso Washington.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ754	Commemorating the lives and legacies of Allie Thompson, William Grayson, and William Thompson.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ881	Commending the 29th Infantry Division.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ882	Commending the Orange County Agricultural Initiative.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ883	Commending Richard Brooking.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ884	Commending Mt. Zion Baptist Church.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ885	Commending the Dolley Madison Garden Club.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ886	Commending William C. Chase, Jr.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ905	Celebrating the life of Tyler McKellan Spruill.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HR263	Commending the Reverend Ludwell Brown.	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate

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Freitas Co-Sponsored 44 Pieces Of Legislation 35 Of Which Became Law

Freitas Chief Co-Patron 2019 Legislation			
Bill Number	Bill Name	Summary	Status
HB 1623	Military families; relocation to the Commonwealth, student registration	Permits any student whose service member parent is relocated to the Commonwealth pursuant to orders received to register for courses and other academic programs and participate in the lottery process for charter schools and college partnership laboratory schools in the school division in which such student will reside at the same time and in the same manner as students who reside in the local school division.	Signed into Law

HB 1839	Industrial hemp; federal Farm Bill	Conforms Virginia law to the provisions of the federal 2018 Farm Bill by amending the definitions of cannabidiol oil, marijuana, and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) to exclude industrial hemp in the possession of a registered person, hemp products, or an oil containing no more than 0.3% THC. The bill defines “industrial hemp” as any part of the plant Cannabis sativa that has a concentration of THC that is no greater than that allowed by federal law, and it defines “hemp product” as any finished product that is otherwise lawful and that contains industrial hemp. The bill adds the category of “dealer” in industrial hemp to the existing registration categories of grower and processor...	Signed into Law
HB 1886	Professional Football Team Franchise Facility Incentives; Interstate Compact on Washington Area	Establishes an interstate compact among the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia (the party states) that prohibits the party states from providing incentives for a Washington area professional football team franchise facility, including tax incentives, state or local appropriations, and loans. The bill provides that the compact will not become effective unless the party states enact concurring legislation prior to January 1, 2021.	Died in Committee
HB 1939	1939 Regulatory boards; adjustment of fees, distribution of excess fees to regulants	Provides that following the close of any biennium, when the account for any regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation shows that unspent and unencumbered revenue exceeds \$100,000 or 20 percent of the total expenses allocated to the regulatory board for the past biennium, whichever is greater, the regulatory board must (i) distribute all such excess revenue to current regulants and (ii) reduce the fees levied by it for certification, licensure, registration, or permit and renewal thereof so that the fees are sufficient but not excessive to cover expenses. Under current law, these boards are required to adjust their fees when their account shows expenses allocated to it for the past biennium to be more than 10 percent greater or less than moneys collected on behalf of the board. Current law does not require the boards to distribute excess funds to regulants. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2022.	Signed into Law
HJ 715	Constitutional amendment; abortion, state funding prohibited (first reference)	Prohibits taxes or other revenues of the Commonwealth from being used to pay for abortions, but provides that nothing in that provision shall prevent the use of such funds to preserve the life of the mother.	Died in Committee

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Freitas Co-Patron 2019 Legislation			
Bill Number	Bill Name	Summary	Status
HB 1650	Lottery; disclosure of identity of winners.	Prohibits the Virginia Lottery from disclosing information about individual winners whose prize exceeds \$10 million, and exempts such information from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), unless the winner consents to disclosure. Under FOIA, disclosure of the winner’s name, hometown, and	Signed Into Law

		amount won is currently mandatory. This bill is identical to SB 1060.	
HB 1735	Student Behavioral Health, Commission on; established, report	<p>Establishes the Commission on Student Behavioral Health as a legislative branch commission. The purpose of the Commission shall be to (i) assess the efficacy of developing and implementing a statewide behavioral health and suicide prevention hotline that students may use to report threats of violence or receive real-time counseling services; (ii) review the current school counselor-to-student ratio, and whether the realignment of counseling responsibilities proposed by the House Select Committee on School Safety is improving schools' ability to provide counseling services to students; (iii) review the current roles and responsibilities of school nurses, psychologists, and social workers in schools and determine whether a realignment of responsibilities could improve or streamline behavioral health services offered to students; (iv) evaluate the efficacy and costs of providing enhanced behavioral health services in schools delivered through partnerships established between school divisions and local departments of social services and community services boards; (v) assess the effectiveness of de-escalation and other alternative disciplinary policies when interacting with students suffering from behavioral health challenges; (vi) examine the value of additional teacher training requirements on student behavioral health, such as mental health first aid; and (vii) examine other topics related to student behavioral health identified by the Commission. The Commission shall consist of 12 members as follows: seven members of the House of Delegates, of whom two shall be members of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions, two shall be members of the House Committee on Education, two shall be members of the House Committee on Appropriations, and one shall be a member at-large, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and five members of the Senate, of whom two shall be members of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, two shall be members of the Senate Committee on Finance, and one shall be a member at-large, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. The Commission may appoint, employ, and remove an executive director and such other persons as it deems necessary and determine their duties and fix their salaries or compensation within the amounts appropriated therefor. The Commission may also employ experts who have special knowledge of the issues before it. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2021.</p>	Passed by House, no action taken on Senate amendments
HB 1770	Alcoholic beverage control; Sunday store hours, distiller commission.	Requires the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (the Authority) to pay a distiller who operates a government store on the distiller's licensed premises a commission of not less than 20 percent of the retail price of any goods sold. The bill also allows certain government	Signed into Law

		stores, as determined by the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Authority, to be open on Sundays for the sale of alcoholic beverages after 10:00 a.m. Finally, the bill grants the Board the power to employ or retain in-house legal counsel to advise or represent the Authority in hearings, controversies, or other matters involving the interests of the Authority. The bill provides, however, that upon request by the Board, the Attorney General shall provide legal services for the Authority in accordance with current law.	
HB 1785	Food establishment inspections; exemptions	Exempts from inspections by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services private homes where the resident processes and prepares any yogurt that has an equilibrium pH value of 4.6 or lower or baked good, subject to certain conditions. Current law exempts only those baked goods that do not require time or temperature control after preparation. The bill removes the requirement that private homes where the resident processes pickles or other acidified vegetables sell less than \$3,000 in gross sales in a calendar year in order to qualify for such exemption. This bill contains technical amendments.	Died in Committee
HB 1887	Human trafficking hotline; posting information	Requires the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority and the Virginia Employment Commission to post notice of the existence of a human trafficking hotline in government stores, except for government stores established on a distiller's licensed premises, and in employment offices, respectively, to alert possible witnesses or victims of human trafficking to the availability of a means to report crimes or gain assistance.	Signed into Law
HB 2169	Physician assistants; licensure by endorsement	Authorizes the Board of Medicine to issue a license by endorsement to an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant who (i) is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Commonwealth, (ii) holds current certification from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, and (iii) holds a license as a physician assistant that is in good standing, or that is eligible for reinstatement if lapsed, under the laws of another state.	Signed into Law
HB 2570	Family life education programs; student participation	Prohibits any public elementary or secondary school student from participating in any family life education program without the prior written consent of his parent.	Passed in House; Died in Senate Committee
HB 2586	Prostitution and sex trafficking; offenses involving a minor, penalties	Provides that any person who commits an act of aiding prostitution or illicit sexual intercourse or using a vehicle to promote prostitution or unlawful sexual intercourse, when such act involves a minor, is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Under current law, such acts are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill adds the two new felony offenses to (i) the definition of "violent felony" for the purposes of sentencing guidelines, (ii) the definition of barrier crimes for the purposes of background checks for employees or volunteers providing care to children or the elderly or disabled, (iii) the definition of predicate criminal acts for street gangs, (iv) the definition of racketeering activity under the	Signed into Law

		Virginia Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organization Act, (v) the list of violations that a multi-jurisdiction grand jury is responsible for investigating, and (vi) the list of offenses requiring registration in the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry. The bill also adds felony prostitution and felony human trafficking offenses to the definition of “violent felony” for the purposes of sentencing guidelines. The bill also provides that each violation of commercial sex trafficking is a separate and distinct felony. The bill as introduced was a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.	
HJ 587	Commending the American Legion	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 599	Commending the Washington Capitals	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 619	Celebrating the life of Master Sergeant Edward Colston Newton V, USA	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 667	Celebrating the life of Stacey Visser Dendy	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 748	Commending Virginia State University	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 834	Celebrating the life of Scott Marvin Anderson	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 873	Celebrating the life of the Honorable Ralph L. Axselle, Jr	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 968	Celebrating the life of Trooper Lucas B. Dowell	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 971	Celebrating the life of President George Herbert Walker Bush	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 1138	Celebrating the life of Captain Anthony Reid Adams, USCG, Ret	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HJ 1139	Celebrating the life of Bradford Turner Clark	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HR 343	Commending Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HR 351	Commending Wayne Tinsley	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HR 373	Commending the Israel, State of	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HR 397	Commending Virginia Indians	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
HR 455	Celebrating the life of Joshua Wayne Bell	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 266	Commending the Washington Capitals	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 313	Commending the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 350	Celebrating the life of Captain Charles M. Heron, USN, Ret	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate

SJ 359	Celebrating the life of Scott Marvin Anderson	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 366	Commending the Orange County Agricultural Initiative	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 367	Commending the Dolley Madison Garden Club	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 381	Commending The National Society of Madison Family Descendants	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 383	Commending Dewey Leon Fincher	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 385	Celebrating the life of Tyler McKellan Spruill	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SJ 405	Commending Mt. Zion Baptist Church	N/A	Agreed to by House and Senate
SR 128	Celebrating the life of the Honorable Robert Elson Russell, Sr	N/A	Agreed to by Senate

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Appendix VI– Votes – Virginia General Assembly – 2020 Session

Freitas Superminority Votes

In The 2020 Session Of The House Of Delegates Session, Freitas Cast 84 Votes In Which He Was In A Minority Of 10 Or Less

2020: According To Virginia’s Legislative Information Service, Freitas Cast 84 House Votes Floor Votes In The Virginia House of Delegates In Which He Was In The Superminority, one of 10 or less in a vote category. [Virginia’s Legislative Information System, accessed 6/18/20]

Freitas Superminority Votes-2019 Session				
Bill Number	Bill Title	Link	Vote	Date
HB1145	Pound River; designating as a Va. scenic river. House: VOTE: Passage (88-Y 11-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1145	Nay	1/21/2020
HB282	Maury River; designating a 19.25-mile segment as a component of the Virginia Scenic Rivers System. House: VOTE: Passage (90-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB282	Nay	1/21/2020
HB1562	Music therapy; definition of music therapist, licensure. House: VOTE: Passage (92-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1562	Nay	1/27/2020
HB378	Comprehensive harm reduction programs; public health emergency, repeal sunset provision. House: VOTE: Passage (95-Y 3-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB378	Nay	1/27/2020
HB275	Judges; increases maximum number in judicial district. House: VOTE: Passage (87-Y 11-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB275	Nay	1/28/2020
HB5	Clinch River; designating segment in Tazewell County as part of the Clinch State Scenic River. House: VOTE: Passage (85-Y 11-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB5	Nay	1/28/2020
HB1601	Staunton River; designating as State Scenic River. House: VOTE: Passage (88-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1601	Nay	1/28/2020
HB1598	James River; designating as a State Scenic River. House: VOTE: Passage (88-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1598	Nay	1/28/2020
HB886	State Trails Advisory Committee; extends sunset provision. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB886	Nay	1/28/2020
HB1612	Grays Creek; designating as component of Virginia Scenic Rivers System. House: VOTE: Passage (90-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1612	Nay	1/28/2020

HB465	Transportation companies, certain; local regulation. House: VOTE: Passage Emergency (93-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB465	Nay	1/29/2020
HB543	Electric power-assisted bicycles; amends definition. House: VOTE: Passage (86-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB543	Nay	1/29/2020
HB390	Alcoholic beverage control; definitions, license and fee reform. House: VOTE: Passage (89-Y 11-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB390	Nay	1/30/2020
HB1361	Truck Manufacturing Grant Fund; created. House: VOTE: Passage (90-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1361	Nay	1/31/2020
HB1498	Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Grant Program and Fund; created. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1498	Nay	1/31/2020
HB1082	Emergency Services and Disaster Law; definition of disaster, incidents involving cyber systems. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1082	Nay	1/31/2020
HB1597	GO Virginia grants; matching funds. House: VOTE: Passage (93-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1597	Nay	1/31/2020
HB1173	Certified pollution control equipment and facilities; tax exemption, timing of certification. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1173	Nay	2/4/2020
HB449	Unlawful hunting, fishing, or trapping; prohibition upon conviction. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 3-N 1-A)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB449	Nay	2/4/2020
HB992	A.L. Philpott Mfg Ext Partnership; staff shall be treated as state employees. House: VOTE: Passage (92-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB992	Nay	2/4/2020
HB1695	Wildlife Corridor Action Plan; created. House: VOTE: Passage (89-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1695	Nay	2/4/2020
HB734	Income tax, state; rolling conformity with the Internal Revenue Code. House: VOTE: Passage (88-Y 11-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB734	Nay	2/4/2020
HB890	Construction management or design-build contracts; use by local public bodies. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB890	Nay	2/5/2020
HB887	ABLE savings trust agreement; Medicaid clawback prohibition. House: VOTE: Passage (97-Y 1-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB887	Nay	2/5/2020
HB330	Employment; covenants not to compete, definition of low-	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB330	Nay	2/5/2020

	wage employees, civil penalty. House: VOTE: Passage (95-Y 3-N 1-A)			
HB1675	Solar energy facilities; definitions, siting agreement with host locality. House: VOTE: Passage (89-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1675	Nay	2/6/2020
HB1186	Disposal of solid waste fees; Russell County. House: VOTE: Passage (88-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1186	Nay	2/6/2020
HB1232	Vacant building registration; Town of Timberville. House: VOTE: Passage (89-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1232	Nay	2/6/2020
HB169	Workers' compensation; occupational disease presumptions. House: VOTE: Passage (96-Y 3-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB169	Nay	2/6/2020
HB1421	Pollbooks; requirement for printed copies of pollbooks. House: VOTE: Passage (89-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1421	Nay	2/6/2020
HB738	County board of supervisors; presiding officers, terminology. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB738	Nay	2/6/2020
HB1733	Advanced Production Grant Program and Fund; created. House: VOTE: Passage (93-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1733	Nay	2/6/2020
HB1656	Electric utilities; incentive programs for low-income customers. House: VOTE: Passage (95-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1656	Nay	2/7/2020
HB1183	Bulk energy storage resources; State Corporation Commission. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1183	Nay	2/7/2020
HB573	Community solar development pilot program; low-income communities. House: VOTE: Passage (90-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB573	Nay	2/7/2020
HB457	Postsecondary schools; distance learning, certification and reciprocity, effective date. House: VOTE: Passage (98-Y 1-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB457	Nay	2/7/2020
HB1443	Teachers; biennial compensation review, report. House: VOTE: Passage (90-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1443	Nay	2/7/2020
HB1362	General registrars; certification requirement, removal from office. House: VOTE: Passage (96-Y 3-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1362	Nay	2/7/2020
HB1335	SCHEV; Director of Council to appoint student advisory committee. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1335	Nay	2/10/2020

HJR92	Drinking water program; Off. of Drinking Water/Dept. of Health to study infrastructure & oversight. House: VOTE: Agree To (87-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HJ92	Nay	2/10/2020
HB894	Education preparation programs; teacher licensure, certain instruction or training. House: VOTE: Passage (97-Y 2-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB894	Nay	2/10/2020
HB1121	Massage therapists; qualifications, license. House: VOTE: Passage (93-Y 5-N 1-A)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1121	Nay	2/10/2020
HB1602	Governor's New Airline Service Incentive Fund; created. House: VOTE: Passage (90-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1602	Nay	2/10/2020
HB1017	Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority; created. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1017	Nay	2/10/2020
HB707	Conservation of trees; Town of Vienna. House: VOTE: Passage (95-Y 3-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB707	Nay	2/11/2020
HB454	Virginia Public Procurement Act; purchase programs for recycled goods, climate positive materials. House: VOTE: Passage (87-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB454	Nay	2/11/2020
HB748	Research and development tax credits; extends sunset date, aggregate caps. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB748	Nay	2/11/2020
HB1580	Deeds not taxable; deeds involving only spouses. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1580	Nay	2/11/2020
HB1300	Virginia Public Procurement Act; statute of limitations on actions on construction contracts. House: VOTE: Passage (97-Y 2-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1300	Nay	2/11/2020
HB1221	One-stop small business; permitting program, written guidance. House: VOTE: Passage (98-Y 2-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1221	Nay	2/11/2020
HB731	Hampton, City of; alcoholic beverage control licensees. House: VOTE: Passage #2 (95-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB731	Nay	2/11/2020
HB1251	Health insurance; definitions, payment to out-of-network providers, emergency services. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1251	Nay	2/11/2020
HB1722	Applied behavior analysis services; Department of	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1722	Nay	2/11/2020

	Education shall develop guidance and resources. House: VOTE: Passage (90-Y 9-N)			
HB1688	Cemeteries; grass cutting on land used for interment of human remains. House: VOTE: Passage (93-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1688	Nay	2/11/2020
SB110	Research and development tax credits; extends sunset date, aggregate caps. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB110	Nay	2/17/2020
SB341	Construction management contracts; use by local public bodies. House: VOTE: Passage (96-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB341	Nay	2/18/2020
SB389	Alcoholic beverage control; definitions, license and fee reform. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB389	Nay	2/18/2020
SB170	Public schools; school resource officers and school security officers, data. House: VOTE: Passage (91-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB170	Nay	2/20/2020
HB29	Budget Bill. House: VOTE: Adoption #2 (94-Y 3-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB29	Nay	2/20/2020
SB633	Music therapy; definition of music therapist, licensure. House: VOTE: Passage (87-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB633	Nay	2/21/2020
HB656	Solar energy projects; national standards. House: VOTE: Adoption (92-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB656	Nay	2/21/2020
SB1031	Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder, individual and small group markets. House: VOTE: Passage (95-Y 1-N 1-A)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB1031	Nay	2/21/2020
HB169	Workers' compensation; occupational disease presumptions. House: VOTE: Adoption (91-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB169	Nay	2/24/2020
SB1004	Wildlife Corridor Action Plan; created. House: VOTE: Passage (90-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB1004	Nay	2/24/2020
HB1327	Property taxes; generating equipment of electric suppliers utilizing wind turbines. House: VOTE: Adoption (84-Y 9-N 1-A)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1327	Nay	2/24/2020
SB271	Higher educational institutions, public; public-private partnerships, wind and solar power. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB271	Nay	2/24/2020
SB772	Bait fish; unlawful to transport for sale outside of the	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB772	Nay	2/24/2020

	Commonwealth, penalty. House: VOTE: Passage (96-Y 4-N)			
SB313	New College Institute; increases members on board of directors to 10. House: VOTE: Passage (86-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB313	Nay	2/24/2020
HB1503	Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder, individual and small group markets. House: VOTE: Adoption (97-Y 1-N 1-A)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1503	Nay	2/24/2020
SB587	MEI Project Approval Commission; changes to membership and operation. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB587	Nay	2/24/2020
SB1090	Grays Creek; designating as component of Virginia Scenic Rivers System. House: VOTE: Passage (86-Y 11-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB1090	Nay	2/24/2020
SB794	Utility easements; location of broadband and other communications facilities. House: VOTE: Passage (92-Y 7-N 1-A)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB794	Nay	2/25/2020
SB1014	Advanced Production Grant Program and Fund; created. House: VOTE: Passage (89-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB1014	Nay	2/26/2020
SB611	Truck Manufacturing Grant Fund; created. House: VOTE: Passage (89-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB611	Nay	2/26/2020
SB576	Commonwealth of Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority; created. House: VOTE: Passage (95-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB576	Nay	2/26/2020
SB735	Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing platforms; definitions, establishes requirements. House: VOTE: Passage (95-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB735	Nay	2/26/2020
HB1597	GO Virginia grants; matching funds. House: VOTE: Adoption (88-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB1597	Nay	2/26/2020
HB390	Alcoholic beverage control; definitions, license and fee reform. House: VOTE: Adoption (84-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB390	Nay	2/26/2020
SB610	Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Grant Program and Fund; created. House: VOTE: Passage (87-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB610	Nay	2/26/2020
SB238	Public schools; increases kindergarten instructional time. House: VOTE: Passage (94-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB238	Nay	2/27/2020

SB665	Electronic Identity Management Act; definitions, federated digital identity systems. House: VOTE: Passage (93-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB665	Nay	2/27/2020
SB110	Research and development tax credits; extends sunset date, aggregate caps. House: VOTE: Adoption (87-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB110	Nay	2/28/2020
HB748	Research and development tax credits; extends sunset date, aggregate caps. House: VOTE: Adoption (85-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB748	Nay	2/28/2020
HB831	Utility easements; location of broadband and other communications facilities. House: VOTE: Adoption (91-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+HB831	Nay	2/28/2020

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Freitas 2020 Session Votes

NOTE: The votes contained in this section are votes that were already included in the book, organized by Assembly session here. This section does not contain every vote taken by the Assembly, rather it contains key votes that Freitas voted on. A spreadsheet containing all of Freitas votes is available on the DCCC Research drive.

Crime & Public Safety Issues

2020: Freitas Opposed Increasing The Minimum Age For A Juvenile To Be Tried As An Adult For Murder From 14 To 16

2020: Freitas Opposed Increasing The Minimum Age For A Juvenile To Be Tried As An Adult From 14 To 16. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 477. “Increases from 14 years of age to 16 years of age the minimum age at which a juvenile must be tried as an adult in circuit court for murder or aggravated malicious wounding; however, if the juvenile is 14 years of age or older but younger than 16 years of age, the court, on motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth, shall hold a transfer hearing. The minimum age is also raised from 14 to 16 for certain charges requiring notice of intent to try such juvenile as an adult by the attorney for the Commonwealth. In order to be tried as an adult in circuit court for the charges that under current law require notice of intent to proceed with trial as an adult by the attorney for the Commonwealth, the bill requires that (i) a report concerning the juvenile be prepared by the court services unit or other qualified agency and (ii) the attorney for the Commonwealth provide written notice that he intends to proceed with a preliminary hearing for trial of such juvenile as an adult, including affirmation that he has read the report.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 71-28. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 477, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Allowing A Convicted Felon Who Pled Guilty To Petition For A Writ Of Innocence Based On New Evidence

Freitas Opposed Allowing A Convicted Felon Who Pled Guilty To Petition For A Writ Of Innocence Based On New Evidence. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 974. “Provides that a person who was convicted of a felony or who was adjudicated delinquent by a circuit court of an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult may petition for a writ of actual innocence based on biological evidence or nonbiological evidence regardless of the type of plea he entered at trial. Under current law, such person may petition for a writ based on biological

evidence if he entered a plea of not guilty, and any person, regardless of the type of plea he entered at trial, may petition for such writ if he is sentenced to death or convicted or adjudicated delinquent of murder or a felony for which the maximum punishment is imprisonment for life. The bill also (i) allows a writ of actual innocence based on nonbiological evidence to be granted if scientific testing of previously untested evidence, regardless of whether such evidence was available or known at the time of conviction, proves that no trier of fact would have found proof of guilt of the person petitioning for the writ, provided that the testing procedure was not available at the time of conviction, and (ii) eliminates the provision that limits a petitioner to only one writ of actual innocence based on nonbiological evidence for any conviction. The bill provides that the petitioner must prove the allegations supporting either type of writ of actual innocence by a preponderance of the evidence. Currently, the petitioner must prove such allegations by clear and convincing evidence. Finally, the bill clarifies that the Attorney General may join a petition for a writ of actual innocence filed in connection with an adjudication of delinquency.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 58-41. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 974, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

Civil Rights Issues

Freitas Opposed Preclearance Requirements For Changes To Local Election Systems That Would Impact Minority Voting Rights

Freitas Opposed Preclearance Requirements For Changes To Local Election Systems That Would Impact Minority Voting Rights. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 761. “ Requires the governing body of a covered jurisdiction, prior to enacting or seeking to administer any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or any standard, practice, or procedure with respect to voting, that is a covered practice, to either (i) institute an action in the circuit court for the jurisdiction for a declaratory judgment that the covered practice neither has the purpose or effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color or membership in a language minority group nor will it result in the retrogression in the position of members of a racial or ethnic group with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise or (ii) submit such covered practice to the Office of the Attorney General for issuance of a certification that no objection exists to the enactment or administration by the covered jurisdiction of the covered practice. A covered practice cannot be given effect until the circuit court has entered such judgement or the Attorney General has issued such certification. The bill provides to a covered jurisdiction the right to appeal an objection by the Attorney General and to an aggrieved citizen the right to appeal the Attorney General’s issuance of a certification of no objection. A “covered jurisdiction” is defined to mean any county, city, or town that is determined by the Attorney General to have a voting age population that contains two or more racial or ethnic groups, each constituting at least 20 percent of its voting age population. The bill also defines ‘covered practice.’” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 58-40. The Senate insisted on an amendment. The House took no further action. [HB 761, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Voted Against Making Racial Discrimination Based On Hairstyles Illegal

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Making Racial Discrimination On The Basis Of One’s Hairstyle Illegal. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1514.”Provides that the terms ‘because of race’ and ‘on the basis of race,’ and terms of similar import, when used in reference to discrimination in the Code of Virginia and acts of the General Assembly, include traits historically associated with race, including hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists.” The House passed the measure by a vote of 72-25. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1514, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/4/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Expanding The Definition Of Hate Crimes To Include Battery And Home Invasion That Occurred Due To Victim’s Race, Gender Identity, Or Sexual Orientation

Freitas Opposed Expanding The Definition Of Hate Crimes To Include Battery And Home Invasion That Occurred Due To Victim’s Race, Gender Identity, Or Sexual Orientation. In February 2020, Freitas Voted

Against HB 787. “Adds the following to the list of crimes that a multi-jurisdiction grand jury may investigate: (i) simple assault or assault and battery where the victim was intentionally selected because of his race, religious conviction, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, or national origin; (ii) entering the property of another for purposes of damaging such property or its contents or interfering with the rights of the owner, user, or occupant where such property was intentionally selected because of the race, religious conviction, gender, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, or national origin of the owner, user, or occupant; and (iii) various offenses that tend to cause violence.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 55-44. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 787, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/6/20](#)]

March 2020: Freitas Opposed Allowing Localities To Decide Whether To Remove Or Contextualize Monuments

March 2020: Freitas Opposed Allowing Localities To Decide Whether To Remove Or Contextualize Monuments. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1537. “Provides that a locality may remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover any monument or memorial for war veterans on the locality’s public property, not including a monument or memorial located in a publicly owned cemetery, regardless of when the monument or memorial was erected, and removes certain criminal and civil penalties. Current law makes it unlawful to disturb or interfere with such monuments or memorials or to prevent citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of such monuments or memorials. Prior to removing, relocating, contextualizing, or covering any such publicly owned monument or memorial, the local governing body shall publish notice of such intent in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality. The notice shall specify the time and place of a public hearing at which interested persons may present their views, not less than 30 days after publication of the notice. After the completion of the hearing, the governing body may vote whether to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover the monument or memorial. If the governing body votes to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover the monument or memorial, the local governing body shall first, for a period of 30 days, offer the monument or memorial for relocation and placement to any museum, historical society, government, or military battlefield. The local governing body shall have sole authority to determine the final disposition of the monument or memorial. The bill authorizes the local governing body to call for an advisory referendum prior to voting on such motion. The bill repeals an 1890 act of assembly related to the placement of a statue in the City of Alexandria and does not apply to a monument or memorial located on the property of a public institution of higher education within the City of Lexington. The bill also provides that the Board of Historic Resources shall promulgate regulations governing the manner in which any monument or memorial may be contextualized.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 52-43. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1537, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Commission To Determine Whether To Remove Virginia’s Statue Of Robert E. Lee In The National Statuary Hall

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Commission To Determine Whether To Remove Virginia’s Statue Of Robert E. Lee In The National Statuary Hall. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 612. “Creates the Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol to determine whether the Robert E. Lee statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States Capitol should be replaced and, if so, to recommend to the General Assembly as a replacement a statue of a prominent Virginia citizen of historic renown or renowned for distinguished civil or military service to be commemorated in the National Statuary Hall Collection.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 52-44. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 612, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Economic And Business Issues

2020: Freitas Voted Against Bipartisan Alcohol Licensing Changes Which Standardized License And Fee Structure

February 2020: HB 390 Was Introduced Which Simplified Alcohol Licensing Structure In Virginia. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 390. “Reorganizes all alcoholic beverage control licenses pursuant to the three-tier structure and license privileges, consolidates many licenses with common privileges, aligns license fee amounts with enforcement demands, and standardizes quantity limits on alcohol samples. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill on a 84-9 vote. The Governor approved the measure.[HB 390, House Floor Vote (final adoption) [2/26/20](#)]

Election Law And Campaign Finance Issues

Freitas Voted Against Automatic Voter Registration

Freitas Voted Against Automatic Voter Registration. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 235. “Provides for the automatic electronic transmission by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Elections of certain information for any person coming into an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles or accessing its website in order to (i) apply for, replace, or renew a driver’s license; (ii) apply for, replace, or renew a special identification card; or (iii) change an address on an existing driver’s license or special identification card if the person indicates that he is a United States citizen and is 17 years of age or older and, at the time of the transaction, does not decline to have his information transmitted to the Department of Elections for voter registration purposes. The option to decline to have his information so transmitted shall be presented at the time of one of the specified transactions with the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall be accompanied by a warning that intentionally making a materially false statement during the transaction is punishable under Virginia law as a felony. Upon receipt of the information collected to ensure that the person meets all voter registration eligibility requirements, the Department of Elections is required to determine whether the person is already registered to vote. If the person is not already registered to vote, the Department of Elections is required to transmit the information to the appropriate general registrar. The bill repeals the requirement that the Department of Motor Vehicles offer, accept, receive, and send voter registration applications.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 53-46. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 235, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Health Care Issues

2020: Freitas Cast The Sole Vote Against A Bipartisan Initiative To Expand Insurance Coverage For Diagnosis And Treatment Of Autism

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against HB 1503. “Requires health insurers, corporations providing health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder under insurance policies, subscription contracts, or health care plans issued in the individual market or small group markets. The existing requirement that such coverage be provided for policies, contracts, or plans issued in the large group market is not affected. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 97-1-1. The Governor approve the measure. [HB 1503, House Floor Vote (Passage). [2/24/20](#)]

February 2020: Freitas Did Not Vote On A Measure To Cap Insulin Prices

February 2020: Freitas Did Not Vote To Cap Insulin Prices In Virginia. In February 2020, Freitas Did Not Vote On HB 66. “Prohibits health insurance companies and other carriers from setting an amount exceeding \$30 per 30-day supply that a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a covered prescription insulin drug. The measure also prohibits a provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy from containing a provision (i) authorizing the carrier’s pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds such limitation.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 98-1. The Senate amended the bill; the House adopted the amended bill by a vote of 88-4. The Governor approved the measure.[HB 66, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/3/20](#)]

2/3/20: Freitas Missed Every House Floor Vote That Took Place. [Virginia Legislative Information System, accessed 6/25/20]

Freitas’ Inaction Was Reported On By A Local Outlet. “A bill that would prohibit insurance companies from charging more than a \$30 co-pay for a 30-day supply of insulin passed the Virginia House of Delegates on Tuesday. The vote for Delegate Lee Carter’s HB 66 was nearly unanimous at 98-1. Delegate Matthew Fariss (59th District) voted no, and Delegate Nick Freitas (30th District) did not vote. The bill now awaits approval by both the State Senate and Governor Ralph Northam. It comes as insurance prices have skyrocketed in the past two decades for the more than 7.5 million diabetic Americans who rely on it, despite no change to the drug, with the average price for a 20-milliliter vial going from about \$20 to more than \$250, according to a House of Representatives report in March 2019. The price of a vial tripled between 2002 and 2013, and nearly doubled from 2012 to 2016. The astronomical prices have led to some people either rationing or forgoing taking the critical medication, which can have lethal results. Insurance companies, who’ll have to pick up the cost, argue that the drug’s limited manufacturers are to blame to artificially inflating prices. The major corporations behind the world’s \$27 billion insulin market — Sanofi, Eli Lilly, and Novo Nordisk — have virtually controlled the supply since insulin was discovered 100 years ago. Meanwhile similar bills have recently passed in Illinois and Colorado, though their caps are set at \$100. At the federal level, Congress launched a bipartisan investigation into the insulin market in 2019 amid a comprehensive probe into drug pricing.” [Local DMV, [2/4/20](#)]

March 2020: After A Senate Amendment, Freitas Voted Against A Less Aggressive Cap To Lower Insulin Costs

March 2020: The Senate Adopted An Amended Bill Which Changed The 30-Day Insulin Price Cap From \$30 To \$50. [HB 66, Senate Floor Vote (Passage), [3/5/20](#)]

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Capping Insulin Prices In Virginia. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 66. “Prohibits health insurance companies and other carriers from setting an amount exceeding \$50 per 30-day supply that a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a covered prescription insulin drug. The measure also prohibits a provider contract between a carrier or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy from containing a provision (i) authorizing the carrier’s pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds such limitation.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 88-4. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 66, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Public Bodies To Conduct Business Remotely Due To Medical Condition

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Public Bodies To Conduct Business Remotely Due To A Medical Condition. In February 2020, Freitas Voted For HB 321. “Allows a public body to conduct a meeting through electronic communication means if, on or before the day of a meeting, a member of the public body holding the meeting notifies the chair of the public body that he is unable to attend due to a serious medical condition of an

immediate family member that prevents the member's physical attendance. The bill also limits such participation in an electronic meeting due to a personal matter to either two meetings per calendar year or 10 percent of the meetings held that calendar year, rounded up to the nearest whole number, whichever is greater." The House passed the bill by a vote of 62-38. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 321, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/7/20](#)]

Freitas Voted Against A Prohibition On Issuance Of Short-Term Limited-Duration Medical Plans

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against A Prohibition On Issuance Of Short-Term Limited-Duration Medical Plans. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1037. "Prohibits carriers from issuing in the Commonwealth, on or after July 1, 2021, any short-term limited-duration medical plan with a duration that exceeds three months or that can be renewed or extended beyond six months, or if the plan's issuance would result in a covered person being covered by a short-term limited-duration medical plan for more than six months in any 12-month period. The bill prohibits a carrier from issuing a short-term limited-duration medical plan during an annual open enrollment period. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 51-43. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1037, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Health Insurance Credits For Retired School Workers

Freitas Opposed Health Insurance Credits For Retired School Workers. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1513. "Requires school divisions to provide a health insurance credit of \$1.50 per year of service to non-teacher employees of a local school division with at least 15 years of total creditable service. In addition, localities may elect to provide such individuals an additional health insurance credit of up to \$1 per month for each year of creditable service. However, the bill provides that the additional benefits for retired school division employees other than teachers shall not be paid to any such employee prior to July 1, 2021. This measure does not apply to any local school division employee who retired on disability prior to July 1, 2020, if this measure would reduce the monthly credit currently payable to such former member. Eligible employees who retired prior to July 1, 2020, and did not receive a health insurance credit prior to that date will only receive the \$1.50 per year of service health insurance credit prospectively." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 76-22. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1513, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

Freitas Voted Against Insurance Coverage For Minors' Hearing Aids

Freitas Opposed Mandated Insurance Coverage Of Hearing Aids For Minors. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 423. "Requires health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and corporations providing health care coverage subscription contracts to provide coverage for hearing aids and related services for children 18 years of age or younger when an otolaryngologist recommends such hearing aids and related services. The coverage includes one hearing aid per hearing-impaired ear, up to a cost of \$1,500, every 24 months. The measure applies to policies, contracts, and plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on and after January 1, 2021." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 91-2. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 423, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Prior to adoption by Virginia, 25 Other States Provided Similar Levels Of Coverage Minors' Hearing Aids. "When Crystal Dupilka's son Clay was diagnosed with hearing loss in both ears, she was shocked, worried and then angry. 'I couldn't believe my ears,' she told 10 On Your Side. Then, insurance denied her claims for the hearing aids her child needed. 'I just don't understand how you can provide glasses for children who are hard of seeing or have low vision, and then hearing aids are deemed medically unnecessary,' she said. That's right, private insurance does not cover hearing aids for children in Virginia, but 25 other states and Medicare do." [WAVY, [1/31/20](#)]

Freitas Cast The Sole Vote Against A Bill To Prevent Medicaid Benefit Clawback That Had Overwhelming Bipartisan Support

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting The State Of Virginia From Rescinding Medicaid Benefits From A Designated Beneficiary. In February 2020, Freitas Voted Against HB 887. “Provides that the beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account may appoint a survivor. In the event of the beneficiary’s death, the survivor becomes the new beneficiary of the account if he is eligible under federal law to be a beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account. The bill provides that if the survivor is ineligible, then any proceeds remaining in the account are distributed to the survivor and the account is closed. Under current law, if the beneficiary of an ABLE savings trust account dies, his state of residence becomes a creditor of the account and may seek payment under federal law for Medicaid benefits provided to the beneficiary while he was alive. The bill prohibits the Commonwealth from seeking estate recovery or payment from the proceeds of the deceased beneficiary’s account for benefits provided to him.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 97-1. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 887, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/5/20](#)]

Freitas Voted Against Reducing The Required HPV Vaccine Dosage For Students Attending Public Schools In Virginia

April 2020: Freitas Voted Against Reducing The Require HPV Dosage For Students Attending Public Schools In Virginia From Three To Two. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1090. “Amends the minimum vaccination requirements for attendance at a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school, child care center, nursery school, family day care home, or developmental center. The bill amends the dosage for the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to two, rather than three doses. The bill also requires the State Board of Health to amend the State Board of Health Regulations for the Immunization of School Children as necessary from time to time to maintain conformity with evidence-based, routinely recommended vaccinations for children and to provide for a 60-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the regulations. In addition, the Department of Health and the Department of Education are directed to jointly review immunization requirements in the Code of Virginia and report to the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the effectiveness of the required vaccination program in promoting public health by December 1, 2021. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2021.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 51-44. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1090, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [4/22/20](#)]

Gun Issues

Freitas Voted Against Requiring Guns In Day Care Providers To Be Locked In A Location Inaccessible To Children

Freitas Voted Against Requiring Guns In Day Care Providers To Be Locked In A Location Inaccessible To Children. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 593. “Requires that during hours of operation, all firearms in a licensed family day home, registered family day home, or family day home approved by a family day system be stored unloaded in a locked container, compartment, or cabinet, and that all ammunition be stored in a separate locked container, compartment, or cabinet. The bill requires that the key or combination to such locked containers, compartments, or cabinets be inaccessible to all children in the home.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 53-43. [SB 593, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Freitas Also Requested Changes To The Proposal Requesting Exemptions For Antique Firearms. “Then either Freitas or Del. Michael Webert (R-Fauquier) would move to ‘PBI,’ or pass by indefinitely, which would kill the bill. The subcommittee’s four Republicans voted for, two Democrats against; next bill. Many delegates presented their bills with open resignation. Del. Marcus Simon (D-Fairfax) made a case for the committee to pass his bill on plastic guns, then added: ‘Though I don’t have much hope that’ll happen.’ There were two exceptions. One was a Republican bill to allow out-of-state residents to get a Virginia concealed-handgun permit, which passed on a party-line vote. And the other was the measure sponsored by Del. Patrick Hope (D-Arlington) that required home day-care centers to keep guns locked up. Freitas told Hope that if the language could be tightened - so that antique firearms, for instance, would not be affected - it might get Republican support. The bill was set aside and talks were underway on Friday.” [Washington Post, 1/19/20]

The Bill Was Also Known As “Cole’s Law.” “Cole’s Law passes! If you self-select to operate a family day home, you simply have to lock up your guns and keep them away from children. #commonsense.” [Patrick Hope, Twitter, [2/11/20](#)]



[Patrick Hope, Twitter, [2/11/20](#)]

In 2017, 4-Year Old Cole James Clark Accidentally Shot Himself With A Gun That Was Unsecured In His Day Care Provider’s Home In Orange County, VA. “In May 2017, 4-year-old Cole James Clark fatally shot himself in his baby sitter’s home in Orange County, Virginia. From the moment his mother, Kyrin Falcetti,

received the tragic phone call detailing her son's death, she has never stopped fighting for him. Now, Virginia lawmakers are joining her in that fight." [NBC 4 Washington, [2/21/20](#)]

January 2020: Freitas Opposed A Measure Prohibiting Guns From The Grounds Of The Virginia State Capitol Building

January 2020: Freitas Opposed A Measure Banning Guns From The Grounds Of The Virginia State Capitol Building. "Republican members of the Virginia General Assembly decried a ruling barring lawmakers and visitors from carrying firearms inside the State Capitol. Democrats used their new majority to push the gun ban through the Joint Rules Committee. The new rule also includes a ban in the Pocahontas Building, which houses the staff offices of representatives. Del. Nick Freitas, speaking on the Virginia House floor, implored Democrats to take responsibility for making the General Assembly a less safe environment. 'If something bad happens, are the members that are actually going to vote to disarm that law-abiding citizen now going to take responsibility for security if something bad happens to them?' asked Freitas, who is running for Congress against Rep. Abigail Spanberger in Virginia's 7th District." [Washington Examiner, [1/14/20](#)]

Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting The Concealed Carry Of Sling Bows

Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting The Concealed Carry Of Sling Bows. In February 2020, Freitas Voted Against HB 1076. "Replaces 'slingshot' with 'sling bow' in the list of weapons a person is prohibited from carrying concealed. The bill also removes the Harbormaster of the City of Hopewell from the list of individuals who, while in the discharge of their official duties, or while in transit to or from such duties, are exempted from the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon." The House passed the bill by a vote of 76-22. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1076, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/6/20](#)]

Labor And Working Families Issues

2020: Freitas Voted Against Extending The Virginia Minimum Wage To Cover Those With Disabilities

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Extending The Virginia Minimum Wage To Cover Those With Disabilities. In February 2017, Freitas voted against HB 333. "Eliminates the exclusion in the Virginia Minimum Wage Act for persons whose earning capacity is impaired by physical deficiency, mental illness, or intellectual disability." The House approved the measure on a vote of 85 – 14. The Measure was deferred to the 2021 session by the Senate. [HB 333, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/5/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed A Prohibition On Retaliatory Termination Due To Complaints On Withheld Wages

Freitas Opposed A Prohibition On Retaliatory Termination Due To Complaints On Withheld Wages. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 337. "Prohibits an employer from discharging or otherwise discriminating against an employee because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding related to the failure to pay wages, or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding. The measure authorizes the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to institute proceedings against an employer who has taken such prohibited discriminatory action. Available remedies include reinstatement of the employee, recovery of lost wages, and liquidated damages." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 62-37. The measure was approved by the Governor. [HB 337, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/7/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Allowing Local Public Sector Employees To Have Collective Bargaining Rights

Freitas Opposed Allowing Local Public Sector Employees To Have Collective Bargaining Rights. In April 2020, Freitas voted against HB 582. “Permits counties, cities, and towns to adopt local ordinances authorizing them to (i) recognize any labor union or other employee association as a bargaining agent of any public officers or employees, except for Constitutional officers and their employees, and including public school employees and (ii) collectively bargain or enter into any collective bargaining contract with any such union or association or its agents with respect to any matter relating to them or their employment. The bill provides that for any governing body of a county, city, or town that has not adopted an ordinance or resolution providing for collective bargaining, such governing body is required, within 120 days of receiving certification from a majority of public employees in a unit considered by such employees to be appropriate for the purposes of collective bargaining, to take a vote to adopt or not adopt an ordinance or resolution to provide for collective bargaining by such public employees and any other public employees deemed appropriate by the governing body. The bill provides that the prohibition against striking for public employees applies, irrespective of any such local ordinance. The bill has a delayed effective date of May 1, 2021.” The House adopted the bill by vote of 49-44. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 582, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [4/22/20](#)]

Transportation Issues

2020: Freitas Opposed Weight Limitations On Emergency Vehicles On Highways, In The Face Of Broad Bipartisan Support

1/21/20: In January 2020, Freitas Cast A Committee Vote Against Requiring Emergency Vehicles To Comply With Weight Restrictions On Highways In Virginia. “Firefighting equipment; weight limitation on interstate. Requires firefighting equipment to comply with existing weight limitations for emergency vehicles on interstate highways. Current law exempts firefighting equipment from all size and weight limitations. The bill exempts emergency vehicles registered to a federal, state, or local agency or a fire company from any fee typically charged for the issuance of an overweight permit for such vehicle.” The House Transportation Committee reported the bill by a vote of 21-1. The House passed the bill by a vote of 91-8; Freitas Voted Yea. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 991, Committee Vote [1/21/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Allowing Municipalities To Implement Road Safety Regulations Regarding Vegetation Overgrowth

Freitas Opposed Allowing Municipalities To Implement Road Safety Regulations Regarding Vegetation Overgrowth. In March 2020, Freitas voted against SB 225. “Authorizes any locality, by ordinance, to require the owner of any property located adjacent to a right-of-way maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation to remove any and all trees, tree limbs, shrubs, high grass, or other substance that might dangerously obstruct the line of sight of a driver, be involved in a collision with a vehicle, or interfere with the safe operation of a vehicle.” The House adopted the measure by a vote of 78-19. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 225, House Floor Vote (Adoption), [3/5/20](#)]

LGBT Issues

Freitas Opposed Requiring The State To Reissue Of Birth Certificates With A Changed Sex Designation Upon Request

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Requiring The State Registrar To Reissue Birth Certificates With A Changed Sex Upon Request Of An Individual. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 1041.”Requires the State Registrar to issue a new certificate of birth to show a change of sex upon request of the person and, if a certified copy of a court order changing the person’s name is submitted, to include the person’s new name. The bill provides that requirements related to obtaining a new certificate of birth

to show a change of sex shall include a requirement that the person submit a form furnished by the State Registrar and completed by a health care provider from whom the person has received treatment stating that the person has undergone clinically appropriate treatment for gender transition but shall not include a requirement for evidence or documentation of any medical procedure.” The House adopted the measure by a vote of 51-45. The measure was approved by the Governor. [HB 1041, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption) [2/3/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Legislation That Required Gender Identity Equity In Schools

Freitas Opposed Legislation That Required Gender Identity Equity In Schools. “FREITAS: ‘You see some of the bills passed out of the House and thankfully, you know, didn’t make it through the Senate. You know, a lot of these have pretty sounding names like “The Equality Act.” Well what people don’t understand about the Equality Act that was giving the federal government massive control over things like your local school districts. And we’re not talking about equality in the sense of everyone’s equal before the law we’re talking about the government, federal government coming in and telling your local school district that if they don’t allow a boy to compete on the girls soccer team then that school could potentially lose federal funding. I mean I don’t think that’s the sort of thing that we expect the federal government to be coming in and mandating to local school districts. Um, but again everybody... Abigail Spanberger voted for it.’” [Nick Freitas Facebook Live Town Hall, 39:37, [5/5/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Voted Against Allowing Local Municipalities To Prohibit Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity

February 2020: Freitas Voted Against Municipalities To Pass Ordinances Banning Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 696. “Provides that localities may prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, credit, and education on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 75-24. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 696, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/6/20](#)]

Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Prohibiting Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity. In March 2020, Freitas Voted Against HB 1049. “Prohibits discrimination in employment, public accommodation, public contracting, apprenticeship programs, housing, banking, and insurance on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The bill also adds discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. The bill contains technical amendments.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 52-40. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1049, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/8/20](#)]

Freitas Missed A Vote To Ban Conversion Therapy In Virginia

February 2020: Freitas Did Not Vote Against Prohibiting Health Care Providers From Practicing Conversion Therapy In Virginia On Persons Under The Age Of 18. In February 2020, Freitas voted against HB 386. “Prohibits any health care provider or person who performs counseling as part of his training for any profession licensed by a regulatory board of the Department of Health Professions from engaging in conversion therapy, as defined in the bill, with any person under 18 years of age and provides that such counseling constitutes unprofessional conduct and is grounds for disciplinary action. The bill provides that no state funds shall be expended for the purpose of conducting conversion therapy with a person under 18 years of age, referring a person under 18 years of age for conversion therapy, or extending health benefits coverage for conversion therapy with a person under 18 years of age.” The House Passed the bill by a vote of 66-27. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 386, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/3/20](#)]

Women's Issues

2020: Freitas Voted Against Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment

January 2020: Freitas Voted Against Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment. In January 2020, Freitas voted against HJR 1. “Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that was proposed by Congress in 1972. The joint resolution advocates the position that the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment remains viable and may be ratified notwithstanding the expiration of the 10-year ratification period set out in the resolving clause, as amended, in the proposal adopted by Congress.” The House adopted the measure by a vote of 59-41. The measure was agreed to by the Senate (consent of the Governor not required for adoption). [HJR 1, House Floor Vote (Adoption) [1/15/20](#)]

Freitas Questioned If The Equal Rights Amendment Would Eliminate “Women-Owned Small Business Programs” Because “They Discriminate Off Of Sex.” “The Equal Rights Amendment was expected to be another top issue. Democrats say their caucus unanimously supports ratifying the gender equality measure and have pledged to do so quickly.[...] Opponents held a press conference Wednesday morning where they warned ratification would lead to the rollback of abortion restrictions as well as a host of negative consequences for women. ‘Would our women-owned small business programs, would they go away since they discriminate based off of sex?’ said Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper. ‘These are legitimate questions that we keep asking.’” [NBC Washington, [1/9/20](#)]

Freitas Opposed Legislation Outlawing Discrimination Against Women In The Workplace Due To Pregnancy Or Childbirth

March 2020: Freitas Voted Against Outlawing Discrimination Against Women In The Workplace Due To Pregnancy Or Childbirth. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 827. “Requires employers, defined in the bill, to make reasonable accommodation for the known limitations of a person related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, if such accommodation is necessary to assist such person in performing a particular job, unless the employer can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer. The bill also prohibits employers from taking any adverse action against an employee who requests or uses a reasonable accommodation and from denying employment or promotion opportunities to an otherwise qualified applicant or employee because such employer will be required to make reasonable accommodation to the applicant or employee. The bill creates a cause of action against any employer who denies any of the rights afforded by the bill and permits the court or jury to award compensatory damages, back pay, and other equitable relief.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 59-38. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 827, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption), [3/3/20](#)]

2020: Freitas Opposed Developing Mechanisms To Enforce Equal Pay Statutes

2020: Freitas Opposed Developing Mechanisms To Enforce Equal Pay Statutes. In March 2020, Freitas voted against HB 624. “Directs the Division of Human Rights of the Department of Law to develop recommendations regarding the type of information about businesses and their employees and the accompanying methodology that would be required for the Division to proactively enforce provisions of the Code of Virginia requiring equal pay of similarly situated employees irrespective of sex and race. The bill requires the Division to also develop recommendations regarding appropriate enforcement mechanisms, including causes of action and civil remedies, to address discrimination in compensation based on sex and race. In developing such recommendations, the bill directs the Division to engage stakeholders representing employers and employees in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Division to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than November 30, 2020.” The House adopted the bill by a vote of 54-45. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 624, House Floor Vote (Adoption) [3/5/20](#)]

Appendix VII – Votes – Virginia General Assembly – 2019 Session

Freitas Superminority Votes

In The 2019 Session Of The House Of Delegates Session, Freitas Cast 39 Votes In Which He Was In A Minority Of 10 Or Less

2019: According To Virginia’s Legislative Information Service, Freitas Cast 39 House Votes Floor Votes In The Virginia House of Delegates In Which He Was In The Superminority, one of 10 or less in a vote category. [Virginia’s Legislative Information System, accessed 6/18/20]

Freitas Superminority Votes-2019 Session				
Bill Number	Bill Title	Link	Vote	Date
HB1681	Income tax, state; housing choice vouchers, eligible housing areas. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (87-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB1681	Nay	1/18/2019
HB2180	Semiconductor Manufacturing Grant Fund; created. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (91-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2180	Nay	1/25/2019
HB2003	Major business facility job tax credit; extends sunset date. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (90-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2003	Nay	1/25/2019
HB2405	Real estate; delinquent taxes or liens, appointment of special commissioner, City of Martinsville. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (88-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2405	Nay	1/25/2019
HB2539	Worker retraining tax credit; sunset date, worker training investment tax credit. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (88-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2539	Nay	1/25/2019
HB2465	Photo-monitoring systems; requirements for localities. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (89-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2465	Nay	1/31/2019
HB2755	Conservation easements; comprehensive plan. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (94-Y 3-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2755	Nay	2/4/2019
HB2005	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); eligibility. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (92-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2005	Nay	2/5/2019
HB2205	Family life education; consent. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (88-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2205	Nay	2/5/2019
HB2577	Health insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder.	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2577	Nay	2/5/2019

	House: VOTE: PASSAGE (97-Y 1-N 1-A)			
HB2789	Energy conservation measures; establishes, providing incentives for development of electric energy. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (90-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2789	Nay	2/5/2019
HB1816	Land preservation tax credit; extends allowable time to claim credit. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (91-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB1816	Nay	2/5/2019
HB2691	Electric utilities; provision of broadband services to unserved areas. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (96-Y 2-N 1-A)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2691	Nay	2/5/2019
HB2490	Tech Talent Investment Program and Fund; created, report. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (92-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2490	Nay	2/5/2019
SB1370	Semiconductor Manufacturing Grant Fund; created. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (93-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1370	Nay	2/11/2019
HB2405	Real estate; delinquent taxes or liens, appointment of special commissioner, City of Martinsville. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (93-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2405	Nay	2/12/2019
SB1617	Tech Talent Investment Program and Fund; created, report. House: VOTE: PASSAGE #2 (89-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1617	Nay	2/13/2019
SB1617	Tech Talent Investment Program and Fund; created, report. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (93-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1617	Nay	2/13/2019
SB1588	Real property taxes; partial exemption for flood mitigation efforts. House: VOTE: PASSAGE #2 (88-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1588	Nay	2/13/2019
SB1588	Real property taxes; partial exemption for flood mitigation efforts. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (87-Y 10-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1588	Nay	2/13/2019
HB2539	Worker retraining tax credit; sunset date, worker training investment tax credit. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (89-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2539	Nay	2/13/2019
SB1652	Virginia port volume increase tax credit; transfer of credits. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (85-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1652	Nay	2/13/2019
SB1195	School-based health centers; Va's Children's Cabinet shall establish joint task force. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (91-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1195	Nay	2/13/2019
SB1713	School bus operators; training. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (88-Y 6-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1713	Nay	2/15/2019

SB1481	Commercial driver's licenses; entry-level driver training. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (93-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1481	Nay	2/18/2019
HB2003	Major business facility job tax credit; extends sunset date. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (89-Y 8-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2003	Nay	2/18/2019
SB1547	Music therapists; Board of Health Professions to evaluate regulation. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (93-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1547	Nay	2/18/2019
HB1826	Physicians; advertising. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (92-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB1826	Nay	2/19/2019
SB1759	Underground electric distribution lines; placing in areas of transit-oriented development. House: VOTE: PASSAGE (93-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1759	Nay	2/19/2019
HB2205	Family life education; consent. House: VOTE: ADOPTION #2 (91-Y 9-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2205	Nay	2/20/2019
HB2205	Family life education; consent. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (96-Y 2-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2205	Nay	2/20/2019
HB2060	Real estate with delinquent taxes or liens; appointment of special commissioner, etc. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (93-Y 5-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2060	Nay	2/21/2019
SB1495	Virginia Rural Information Technology Apprenticeship Grant Fund and Program; established. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (98-Y 1-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1495	Nay	2/21/2019
HJR581	Interstate 95 Corridor Improvement Plan; Commonwealth Transportation Board to study. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (90-Y 7-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HJ581	Nay	2/21/2019
HB2490	Tech Talent Investment Program and Fund; created, report. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (95-Y 2-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2490	Nay	2/23/2019
SB1547	Music therapists; Board of Health Professions to evaluate regulation. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (92-Y 4-N 1-A)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1547	Nay	2/23/2019
SB1617	Tech Talent Investment Program and Fund; created, report. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (92-Y 4-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1617	Nay	2/23/2019
SB1628	Innovative Internship Fund and Program; created and established. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (92-Y 1-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1628	Nay	2/23/2019
HB2609	School resource officers; compulsory minimum training standards. House: VOTE: ADOPTION (93-Y 3-N)	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+HB2609	Nay	2/24/2019

Freitas 2019 Session Votes

NOTE: The votes contained in this section are votes that were already included in the book, organized by Assembly session here. This section does not contain every vote taken by the Assembly, rather it contains key votes that Freitas voted on. A spreadsheet containing all of Freitas votes is available on the DCCC Research drive.

Economic And Business Issues

January 2019: Freitas Voted Against An Incentives Package For Amazon's Prospective HQ2 In Northern Virginia

In January 2019, Freitas, Voted Against An Incentives Package For Amazon's Prospective HQ2 In Northern Virginia. In January 2019, Freitas voted against SB 1255. "Creates the Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund. A qualified e-commerce company that makes a capital investment of at least \$2 billion in a major headquarters facility in Arlington County and that creates at least 25,000 new full-time jobs with an average annual wage of \$150,000 will be eligible for up to \$550 million in grants from the Fund. A qualified company may also be eligible for an additional \$200 million in grants for creating an additional 12,850 new full-time jobs. This bill is identical to HB 2356." The House passed the bill by a vote of 83-16. The Governor approved the measure. [SB 1255, House Floor Vote (Passage), [1/28/19](#)]

Appropriations Chairman Chris Jones, A Republican, Estimated The Net Revenue Benefit To The Commonwealth At \$3.2 Billion After Completion Of HQ2. "Legislation to carry out Virginia's promised incentives for Amazon's \$2.5 billion headquarters in Arlington County is on its way to Gov. Ralph Northam for his signature. The House of Delegates approved SB 1255 — the incentives package already endorsed by the Senate — on an 83-16 vote Monday. The legislature's moves ensure quick action on promises Northam and a high-level legislative commission made for an economic development project that must create 25,000 high-paying jobs in order for the company to receive \$550 million from the state. The legislation provides an additional \$200 million in the future if Amazon commits to a second phase of the headquarters that would create an additional 12,850 jobs, paying an average annual salary of \$150,000. 'They're post-performance,' said House Appropriations Chairman Chris Jones, R-Suffolk, who carried the same legislation in the House and estimated the revenue benefit to the state at \$3.2 billion, after paying the incentives." [Roanoke Times, [1/28/19](#)]

Education Issues

2019: Freitas Voted Against Improved School Bus Driver Training Standards

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against Requiring School Bus Drivers To Be Trained On Adverse Weather Conditions And Other Safety Measures Including Safe Onloading And Offloading Of Students. In February 2019, Freitas voted against SB 1713. "Requires the Board of Education to include in its training program for school bus operators safety protocols for responding to adverse weather conditions, unsafe conditions during loading and unloading of students, students on the wrong bus, and other circumstances, as determined by the Board, where student safety is at risk." The bill passed the House by a vote of 88-6. The measure was approved by the Governor. [SB 1713, House Floor Vote (Passage) [2/15/19](#)]

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against The Creation Of A School-Based Health Centers Joint Task Force That Enjoyed Overwhelming Bi-Partisan Support

February 2019, Freitas Voted Against Creating A Task Force To Assess Mental Health Screening In Virginia Schools. In February 2019, Freitas voted against SB 1195. “School-based health centers joint task force; report. Directs the Virginia’s Children’s Cabinet to establish a school-based health centers joint task force that is tasked with (i) assessing the current landscape of school-based services and mental health screening, evaluation, and treatment in school settings; (ii) in coordination with ongoing behavioral health transformation efforts of the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, developing best practice recommendations for trauma-informed school-based health centers as a vehicle for the provision of both medical and behavioral health delivered in school settings; (iii) evaluating options for billing public and private insurance for school-based health services; and (iv) developing a plan for establishing a Virginia affiliate member organization, recognized by the national School-Based Health Alliance, for the purposes of providing technical assistance and guidance to localities interested in bolstering or implementing current and future school-based health centers. The bill requires that the task force report its findings by December 1, 2019.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 91-6. The measure was approved by the Governor. [SB 1195, House Floor Vote (passage) [2/13/19](#)]

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Bi-Partisan Bill To Require Education On Consent To Be Included In Any “Family Life Education Curriculum”

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against Requiring Curriculum Around Consent In “Family Life” Education Programs. In February 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2205. “Requires any high school family life education curriculum offered by a local school division to incorporate age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs on the law and meaning of consent. Under current law, such elements are permissive in any high school family life education curriculum.” The House Adopted the bill by a vote of 91-9. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 2205, House Floor Vote (Final Adoption) [2/20/19](#)]

Health Care Issues

2019: Freitas Supported Allowing Sale Of “Catastrophic” Health Care Plans

February 2019: Freitas Voted To Allow Statewide Sale Of Catastrophic Health Care Plans. In February 2019, Freitas Voted For SB 1027. “Authorizes health carriers to offer catastrophic plans on the individual market and to offer such plans to all individuals. The measure provides that a catastrophic plan is deemed to provide an essential health benefits package and to meet certain requirements of federal law. A catastrophic plan is a high-deductible health care plan that provides essential health benefits and coverage for at least three primary care visits per policy year. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, catastrophic plans satisfy requirements that health benefit plans provide minimum levels of coverage only if they cover individuals who are under 30 years of age or who qualify for a hardship exemption or affordability exemption. The measure requires the Commissioner of Insurance to apply to the federal government for a state innovation waiver allowing the implementation of the provision. The provision will become effective 30 days after the Commissioner notifies certain persons that the request has been approved.” The House passed the bill by a vote of 51-47. The Governor vetoed the measure. [SB 1027, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/13/19](#)]

According To Governor Ralph Northam, Universally Available Catastrophic Plans Would Have Weakened The Overall Insurance Pool And Would Have Increased Premiums Statewide. “HB 2260 and SB 1027 would allow Virginia companies to circumvent federal law and offer catastrophic plans to all individuals. Under the ACA, catastrophic plans are only available to those under the age of 30, or who qualify for an exception due to income. A catastrophic health care plan generally comes with a low monthly premium, but a higher out-of-pocket deductible. Northam said individuals might put off medical care because of the high costs before insurance coverage begins. He added that individuals with minimal health care needs ‘are more likely to purchase these threadbare plans, leaving individuals with more complex medical conditions in traditional marketplace plans.’ The governor said the bills would “likely contribute to an increase in Virginia marketplace premiums across the board.” [Virginia Gazette, [3/26/19](#)]

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Proposal To Increase Insurance Coverage For Treatment Of Autism In People Above The Age Of 10

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against Extending Health Insurance Coverage For Treatment Of Autism In People Above The Age Of 10. In February 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2577. "Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals of any age. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age 10. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2020." The House adopted the bill by a vote of 97-1-1. The Governor approve the measure. [HB 2577, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/5/19](#)]

Labor And Working Families Issues

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Bi-Partisan Plan To Extend TANF Eligibility To 18 And 19-Year Olds Who Were Full Time Students

January 2019: Freitas Voted Against Extending TANF Eligibility To 18 And 19 Year Olds Who Were Full Time Students. In January 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2005. "Makes eligible for TANF any person who is between the ages of 18 and 19 years old and a full-time student in a secondary school or in the equivalent level of career and technical education. Under current law, such persons are eligible for TANF if regularly attending, and expected to graduate from prior to turning 19 years of age, a secondary school or the equivalent level of career and technical education." The House approved the measure by a vote of 92-7. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 2005, House Floor Vote (Passage), [1/7/19](#)]

2019: Freitas Voted Against Transitional Child Care Assistance For Student Parents

2019: Freitas Voted Against Transitional Child Care Assistance For Student Parents. In February 2019, Freitas Voted Against HB 1871. "Allows VIEW participants whose Temporary Assistance for Needy Families financial assistance is terminated to receive child care assistance for up to 12 months after termination if the individual is enrolled in an accredited public institution of higher education or other postsecondary school licensed or certified by the Board of Education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and is taking courses as part of a curriculum that leads to a postsecondary credential, such as a degree or an industry-recognized credential, certification, or license. Under current law, such child care assistance is only available if it enables the individual to work." The House passed the bill by a vote of 86-11. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 1871, House Floor Vote (Passage), [2/5/19](#)]

Public Safety issues

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Tax Issues

2019: Freitas Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill To Extend The Virginia Telework Expenses Tax Credit Through 2021

January 2019: Freitas Voted Against Extending The Telework Expenses Tax Credit Through 2021. In January 2019, Freitas voted against HB 2065. “Advances expiration of the telework expenses tax credit to January 1, 2019. Under current law, the tax credit will expire on January 1, 2022.” The bill was passed by the House by a vote of 69-12. The Governor approved the measure. [HB 2065, House Floor Vote [1/18/19](#)]

Transportation Issues

February 2019: Freitas Opposed A State Study To Recommend Improvements To Interstate 95 Which Enjoyed Broad Bi-Partisan Support

February 2019: Freitas Voted Against A Study To Recommend Improvements To Interstate 95. In February 2019, Freitas voted against HJ 581. “Requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to study the portion of the Interstate 95 corridor between Exit 118 and the Springfield Interchange, financing options for improvements to the corridor, and the effect that enhanced transit service would have on mitigating traffic along the corridor.” The House adopted the motion by a vote of 90-7. [HJ 581, House Floor Vote (Adoption) [2/21/19](#)]